EC to recognise Croatia and Slovenia today as UN officers begin peacekeeping role

Yugoslav war leaves a million uprooted

ALL 12 European Community countries are expected to recognise the independence of Slovenia and Croatia today, acknowledging the disinte-gration of Yugoslavia after a six-month civil war that has left more than six thousand dead and up-

rooted a million people. The joint decision comes the day after an advance par-ty of military officers arrived in Serbia and Croatia to prepare the ground for a 10,000strong UN peacekeeping force. But Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia will have

to wait for recognition. The EC move will be seen as a diplomatic triumph for Germany, which had already recognised Slovenia and Croatia but agreed to delay implementation until today while the other Community members sought guarantees on human rights, democracy and minorities. But France,

Late BR to pay up

than two hours late from London, were told yesterday that they will get

British Rail said it would give free travel vouchers and repay local taxi fares, gether worth thousands Leading article..... page 15,

Gorbachev job: Mikhail Gorbachev, three weeks after being forced to resign as president of the now defunct Soviet Union. returned to work yesterday as head of a Moscow-based

Costly leave

A married Royal Navy helicopter observer, who smuggled a woman into his cabin on board HMS Ark Royal after going ashore at a port in Vinginia. was fined £500 and severely reprimanded at a court marrial hearing yesterday Page 3

BCCI end

The Bank of Credit and Commerce International, the world's biggest banking failure, was formally wound up at the High Court in London Page 21 BCCI tragedy page 25

Extra cover

The England cricket team have called up Neil Mailender, aged 30, the Somerset bowier, as cover for the first Test match against New Zealand because of an injury to David Lawrence of Gloucestershire...... Page 34

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which had opposed recogni-tion of Croatia, said. This is not a victory for Germany, but a victory for the 12."...

foreign minister of Portugal, which holds the EC presidency, also hailed the joint deci sion in the face of serious doubts among diplomats over whether the Community could overcome divisions on which republics to recognise and when. Of Bosnia and Macedonia, Senhor Dens Pinheiro said: There are no questions that are impossible to solve, but ther are some points that need to be clarified before their recognition can be implemented."

Greece has argued that Macedonia should change its name if it is to become independent. Greece's northern province is also called Macedonia and Athens fears that a neighbouring independent state of the same name could conceal future territorial As EC foreign ministers

met in Lisbon to consider recognition of the republics yesterday, the first military officers arrived in Yugoslavia officers arrived in Yngoslavia
so pave the way for the UN's
"tilite helmer" moops. Twengrade spid a further 12 arrived by coach in Croatia. More
members of the group, drawn
from 18 nations including
Britain, will accompany a
convoy of equipment from convoy of equipment from Italy today, creating a 50-

strong advance party.
The officers, led by Colonel John Wilson from Australia will provide communications ters of the Yugoslav army in Belgrade and Croatia's national guard in Zagreb. The unarmed officers will be stationed at 11 troublespots as well as the two capitals. They will not venture into frontline areas, although later armed

components for a gas centri-

fuge system that could have

enabled it to enrich enough

uranium for a nuclear bomb. But United Nations officials

doubted whether all the com-

ponents had been destroyed.

and a senior UN inspector

said Iraq had acknowledged

for the first time that it built a

uranium-enrichment pro-

gramme, suitable for the pro-

pressed concern that Presi-

dent Saddam Hussein may

still have a nuclear device.

Richard Cheney, the defence

secretary, said it was an "irri-

tant" to Washington that

Saddam was still in power a

year after the Gulf war, but

cautioned against operations

involving "American military

casualties" to oust him.

duction of nuclear bombs. Pentagon officials ex-



Force for peace: Major Abdul Hafiz, centre, from Bangladesh with his unarmed group of UN peacekeepers on arrival in Zagreb

to regions where the fighting

tribute several hundred personnel, but will not send an infantry battalion yet. The first consignment of British troops will include soldiers skilled in logistics, transport cal teams will also be sent. The observers now arriving include three British majors from the UN mission on the

peacekeeping force—the first so be deployed in mainland Europe—will depend on the recommendations of Cyrus Vance, the UN envoy to Yu-goslavia, when he has received reports from the advance party. Officials expect it to be based around 4,000 infantry troops being offered by France. The force willprobably move into in place within the next five weeks and day that it was likely to be a long-running commitment.
It was possible, therefore, that Britain might at some stage be asked to contribute com-

bat troops. . As the UN was sending

said were ring magnets and centrifuge casings imported

from Germany before the

Gulf war. But the inspectors

voiced doubts that Iraq would

have destroyed all its centri-

fuge components which are

difficult to obtain. It also

emerged that Western com-

panies, including five in Ger-many, supplied Iraq with much of the equipment need-

ed for building nuclear weap-ons. Bonn has started crimi-

nal proceedings against

The German foreign minis-

try confirmed yesterday that

details of the sales to the UN,

which is trying to locate and destroy all the Iraqi installa-

suspected companies.

tions concerned.

UN doubts Iraq

nuclear claims

BY JAMES BONE AND IAN MURRAY

IRAO claimed yesterday that Iraqi officials showed a UN

it had destroyed imported team the debris of what they

disclosed the vast human cost of the conflict. A million people had been uprooted, creating Europe's biggest refugee problem since the sec-

Croatia mission, page 7

Sleepless

nights

sap Bush

From MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Bush's ageing

body is beginning to protest. Looking pale. Mr Bush ac-

knowledged yesterday that

his 12-day trip to the Pacific

rim had had a "terrible

downside". He had been unable to sleep, he said, since his

Coming from one so proud

of being in a state of perpetual

motion, that was quite an admission. At the best of

times Mr Bush sleeps only six

hours a night, rising on week-

days at 5am. This bout of

sleeplessness comes as he is

recovering from the exhaus-

tion and stomach flu that

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caused his Tokyo collapse.

return last Friday.

and world war. Both Serbs and Crosts had fled their homes, either out of fear or because they had been destroyed. Thousands had crossed the borders into Hungary. Austria, Germany and Italy, while others sought reiuge in Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia, Many had been ac-Iraq-Kuwan border. commodated in private homes, but their hoses had thought they were offering shelter for just a short time

and could no longer cope. The refugees used ferries tractors and any other form of transport they could find to escape the fighting, but the absence of tent cities means their plight has not attracted is tremendous," Judith Kumin, the UN's chief of mission "We are used to seeing people coming from nithing and going to nothing, but these are middle-class Europeans. The psychological trauma for them is enormous."

military staff to the trouble

Major shrugs off tax challenge by Kinnock

JOHN Major yesterday underlined his readiness to consider further tax cuts as he emerged the victor yesterday in the first election year ex-changes with Neil Kinnock in

the Commons.

The Chancellor is currently considering tax cuts in the March budget, and Mr Kinnock appeared to have scored when he claimed that the prime minister had said, of such tax cuts in a Harare interview in October for the Today newspaper, that they would be unwise, would recreate problems and would be fool's gold". The Labour leader challenged Mr Major say that he still stuck by those beliefs, allegedly expressed at last year's Com-

monwealth conference. But Mr Major, clearly prepared, dismissed the Opposition leader's claim by saying that he had not applied the words to tax cuts, but to the idea of stimulating the economy with premature interest rate cuts. Mr Kinnock persisted in his claim despite the prime minister's assertion that he had been misled.

To the delight of Tory MPs, Mr Major asserted that not only had he not said what was being alleged by Mr Kinnock new year to put the Conservatives ahead of Labour is published in today's Guardian. The ICM poll, conducted last Friday and Saturday. puts support for the Conser cent (down 1) and the Liberal Democrats at 12 per cent (down 2). The poll suggests that the Conservative attack against Labour taxation policies is beginning to pay

but that he had explained in Harare, "that if there was a prospect of tax reductions we would take them and give people the opportunity to spend their own money in their own interests".

Labour then circulated the full interview, as printed in the newspaper, including a passage quoting the prime minister as saying: "It would also mean tax cuts in the March Budget, just before

But Downing Street countered by issuing extracts from the verbaiim transcript of the interview, filed routinely by the Central Office of Informa-

tion. These do not record any

THE first opinion poll of the

such words and make it plain sion had referred to any artificial stimulation of a mini In the full version, the prime minister rules out such

action as "economic tricks". and promises, "I am not going to manipulate the economy just for short-term purposes". In response to another question on tax, in the same interview, he says: "If there is the prospect of tax reductions we will take them and we will give people a better opportunity to spend their own money in their own their own families."

Although Mr Kinnock then grumbled that Mr Major should have challenged the Today version of the interview earlier, MPs reckoned that the prime minister was the clear victor in the exchanges.





Who was really with Marilyn Monroe just before she died? Is there anyone who was not involved in the plot to kill Kennedy? Joe Joseph on conspiracy theories Page 13

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Wendy Reves, the "champagne sex kitten", says she could never say no to Sir Winston

Churchill. His former bodyguard reveals the truth to the Diary Page 14

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The Gulf war's effect on the environment was reported worldwide. One year on, The Times looks at the conflict's impact on the Middle East and on news reporting Pages 10, 11

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Waldegrave hails 'success' of NHS

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

health secretary, yesterday spoke of the success of the NHS reforms as it emerged that hospitals in financial difficulties, after treating more patients than planned, are to get a £200 million boost from

a special "risk fund". As Mr Waldegrave said that a record number of patients had been treated since the health service reforms began last April, it emerged that health regions had been asked to hold back part of the First hurdle, page 14 NHS budget allocated last Leading article, page 15 | April as "risk money", to bail

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the hospitals out if they exceeded

A review of the first six months of the NHS reforms, projecting figures for a full year, showed 250,000 pa-tients would be treated this year, up 3.7 per cent from last year, of whom 170,000

would be treated as day cases, up 13 per cent on last year. At the same time, the latest waiting list figures showed the number of patients waiting more than one year for treatment fell by 19 per cent to 136,452 from March to

One year on, pages 10-11 Continued on page 2, col 1 Jimmy Porter ... still fuming after 35 years



Osborne unperformed play to be published

By BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

AFTER 35 years of sulking in secret, Jimmy Porter is about to emerge from his lair. His fangs may be yellower but his bite is almost more unforgiving than in 1956, when he first started chewing up people.

Déjava, John Osborae's sequel to Look Back in Anger, was to open at Liverpool Playhouse in November. The production collapsed after a disagree-ment between the author and his leading actor, Peter O'Toole, who felt that the role of the ageing anti-hero needed cutting. But next week Faber publishes the text in all its unreconstructed ire.

Jimmy has prospered since he ran a sweet stall in Black Country obscurity. Like his creator, he now lives in some style in the shires. Could there conceivably be parallels between his small-talk and the views of the playwright?

On his ex-wife "Ahson looked spark-

Islande bomb. [Kenter] | tion government.

ling to me last time I saw her — with a pack of nancy friends hot from some runaway gala for Aids Concern. I don't think old Mumny would have been too happy to see her fawned on by so many strutting sodomites. The old rhino might have roared a bit."

On pop concerts: "Have you noticed how they wave, like fields of rape, limp and twitching like bleary pupples. Numb and gormless, they wave, side to side, arms stretched up, worshipping, fixed on the choreographic grunt... Nuremberg was never so fine, so fluent."

On Britain: "I am a contraflow: a young couple waiting 12 hours at the airport: I am a baggage handler on strike; I am a survey, an infrastructure; a mortgage wrapped about my inability to have an orgasm; I am a government statistic. a gynslip mother, I am a Walkman with an inalienable right to hope and happiness and rights. . . On his own end: "If I am propped up

profligacy and if any frowning gauleiter breathes their concern or care over my fetid and exhausted form, or any smarmy dietitian dares lay her menu of lower-middle-class mush, asking old Mr Porter what putrid filth he'd like to pass through his National Health dentures; if any of these creeping refuse collectors should refer to me as a senior citizen, they will get one last almighty smack in their sanitised mealy seeing mouth." Then, no doubt, Jimmy will light the very last Turkish cigarette a malign Europe has allowed him — just like the Osborne whom readers of The Times letter page have come to know and love.

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BR compensates travellers delayed by new year breakdown



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Rail payout: Ken Kallis, transport chairman for Devon, at Exeter station

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

RAIL passengers returning from new year holidays and excursions, who arrived furning at Exeter more than two hours late from London, were told yesterday that they will receive compensation. British Rail disclosed that it will give free travel vouchers and repay local taxi fares, together worth thousands of

The compensation, which will give a big boost to the government's proposed citizen's charter, is for passengers trapped on three trains to the West Country on January 2. The 16.15 Network SouthEast express to Exeter via Basingstoke, Andover, Salisbury and Yeovil broke down near Overton. Hampshire. Two other trains behind it were severely delayed as passengers were diverted. BR's decision to invite claims follows a letter to Sir Bob Reid. its chairman, from Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, who received complaints from his constituents in Yeovil, Somerset.

Mr Ashdown said: "I am very glad BR has recognised its responsibility to passengers over the horrendous prob-lems they endured that night. The compensation will help in some way. although not everyone will realise it is

Geoff Penn, aged 69, a retired civil servant and chairman of Yeovil Rail Action Group, said that the route on which the delays occurred was suffering from continuing use of "completely worn out locos and rolling stock built between 1967-8, with two million miles on the clock. BR policy to look at individual cases and compensate is

BR paid £7 million compensation to passengers last year for delays and cancellations. A spokesman said: "We have a moral, if not a legal, responsibility to get people to their destinations and compensate them particularly if they miss their last train or a connection. If customers have any problems, we encourage them to write."

☐ Tens of thousands of commuters had their rail journey home disrupted last night after a power failure at Waterloo station in London. British Rail said that the station was evacuated and closed for 50 minutes just before the start of the peak rush hour due to "a high voltage feeder cable failure".

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Minister hails reform of NHS

Continued from page 1 November last year. The number waiting for two years fell by 35 per cent to 32,810 in the same period. Only one region. Trent, showed a rise — of 7 per cent — in the number of patients waiting more than a year. Mr Waldegrave was confident that the remaining patients on twoyear lists would be treated by April this year, when the twoyear maximum guarantee promised in the patient's

charter takes effect. The report from the NHS management executive had "confounded the sceptics" who had said that the reforms would never work. "In fact they are working and working well: delivering real benefits to patients and increasingly attracting the loyalty, as well as the commitment, of staff," he said.

Duncan Nichol, the NHS chief executive, admitted yesterday that he had intervened a number of times to "act as broker" between regions, dis-tricts and hospitals to ensure that funds totalling more than £200 million, between 0.5 and 1 per cent of the NHS hospital budget, were rapidly allocated to places which were running into dif-ficulties after treating more patients than agreed.

Mr Nichol maintained yesterday that the reserve funds would be sufficient to ensure that all hospitals would balance their books by the end of the year. "This is the first year for many years that this can be said," he said. "To be able to treat many more patients while remaining on target financially is a considerable achievement. It shows that NHS staff at all levels have reacted well to the introduction of the reforms and are making them work."

Robin Cook, the Labour health spokesman, immediately disputed Mr Waldegrave's claims that the reforms had led to record treatment levels. Mr Cook produced figures from two years ago that showed similar increases in patient activity. His figures, which were not disputed by Mr Nichol, showed that the number of inpatients treated rose by 1.3 per cent in 1989-90, compared with a projected 1.5 per

cent this year. The British Medical Association was also unimpressed by the report, saying that it makes no attempt to show whether the increases are reflected equally in trust and non-trust hospitals".

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Sell-off may divide coalfields between two companies

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S coal industry could be sold off as two companies, one amalgamating the Scottish and Yorkshire coalfields and the other the Welsh and Nottinghamshire

The proposal has emerged in Whitehall as one of the options for the privatisation of the industry, a central plank of the next Conservative election manifesto. John Wakeham, the energy secretary, who will leave the Commons at the general election. has already made plain that he will leave the decision on how the industry will be bro-

At the same time ministers are privately suggesting that steep falls in electricity prices could come next year as the government paves the way for the sale of the coal industry.

Confidential government forecasts are said to suggest reductions of up to 5 per cent for domestic consumers as a result of the new contract about to be negotiated between British Coal and its main customers, the electricity generators PowerGen and National Power.

Ministers say the muchincreased productivity of the coal industry and the threat to it of the growing imports of

Labour will push rail investment

BY MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail will be told to go ahead with investment schemes worth hundreds of millions if Labour gets in at the next election, John Prescott, the party's transport spokesman, said yesterday.

The schemes, which have all been trozen by the government because of the recession, include £127 million of new rolling stock for Network SouthEast's Kent link lines, £250 million for the Thameslink project to improve journeys between north and south London, and E140 million for Ashford international station to accompany the opening of the Channel tunnel in 1993.

Labour's approval of the schemes was given in a letter that Mr Prescott sent Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman. which outlined the party's rail investment plans should it win the general election.

The letter also told Sir Bob that he would be expected to halt all preparatory work aimed at privatising the railways, while a new framework for railway funding was

JOURNALISTS at the Daily

Mirror are to seek a high

court injunction preventing

any part of their salary being

deducted by the company

into the group occupational

The move, by the Mirror's

National Union of Journalists

branch, comes after the dis-

closure by the new trustees of

the pension scheme that there

would be no money for group

workers and former employ-

ees with deferred pension

rights unless some £400 mil-

iion plundered by Robert

Since learning the news

from a bulletin posted on a

blackboard in the fover of the

Mirror's Holborn Circus of-

fice, the newspaper has been

thrown into turmoil as staff

Maxwell can be recovered.

pension scheme.

worked out. Mr Prescott said: "The Labour government will instruct BR to redirect all resources to improving the quality of rail services." BR would also be instructed to prepare detailed costs for its ten-year investment pro-Prescott said.

Walking a tightrope between Conservative and Labour party rail policies, Sir Bob earlier rejected claims that BR was either opposed to privatisation or in favour of selling off the railway as a single unit. He said that his view was that both propositions were wrong.
Sir Bob said that who

owned the industry was a matter for the government or shareholders to decide. "Our job is not to advocate and not to oppose. It is to advise, as railway professionals, on the practicality of any evolving proposals." The railways board could see no objection in principle to the involvement of private sector capital in the rail business, he

Journalists seek injunction

on pension deductions

try to come to terms with the

prospect of retirement with-

out a pension. Some workers

who have served the paper for

20 years stand to lose more

Yesterday, as they pro-

duced their newspaper, the

journalists fell into two

camps, the pessimists who said that at a late time in life

they would have to start all

over again and the optimists

who expressed faith that the

proposed management buy-

out would repair the damage.

The optimists swapped

photocopies of a Financial Times report which said that

the true deficit was only £250

million which could be put

right over a number of years.

paper's industrial editor.

Terry Pattinson, the

than £80,000.

foreign coal means that British Coal will be forced to offer competitive prices to the generators. They foresee reducdomestic users of 3 to 5 per cent, or more than 5 per cent if they are concentrated purely on domestic consumers.

By the time British Coal is sold, some three years into the next parliament if the Conservatives win the election, it will be further slimmed down because of the new demands on it to be competitive resulting from the contract negotiations, ministers believe.

As a result they expect it to be an attractive proposition for buyers, particularly as the government will be taking over the obligation of paying the pensions of workers who have already left the industry and subsidence claims result-ing from the days when the industry was in the public sector. "It will be a clean purchase," one senior minister said yesterday. It is clear that three main

options are emerging from studies being conducted within the energy department. One is for British Coal to be sold off as one large business; the second is for a British Coal with separate Weish and Scottish subsidiaries; and the third is for the industry to be split into two, with the Scottish and Yorkshire coalfields in one company, and the Nottinghamshire and Weish in

Senior ministers say that the electricity privatisation means that the coal industry will be compelled to offer a competitive deal for the new contract, which starts in April

Foreign imports have steadily increased through the Eighties. In 1987 Britain imported 9.9 million tonnes; last year the figure was 16.9 million tonnes. With 80 per cent of British Coal's output going to the generators the industry may have to reduce its prices if it is to beat off the foreign competition.

said: "My dreams of retiring

when I was about 60 have

vanished into thin air. I have

been on the Mirror for more

than 16 years and estimate I

must have lost about £50,000

from the pension fund. It is

quite a shock to realise I have

been putting money into a

holed bucket which was itself

action to prevent the com-

pany from deducting from

our salaries 6 per cent every

Another senior Mirror

journalist said: "I am sure

everything will be alright.

The Mirror has always looked

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after its own people.

"We are considering court

going over Niagra falls.

month."

What's up, cop? Traffic policeman Steve Heningham alongside Bugs Bunny and a

toy Volkswagen Beetle at the Harrogate International Toy Fair yesterday. The fair, which closes tomorrow, attracted 600 companies.

'Private' legal aid urged

By Frances Gibb

THE Government should provide legal aid for people to pursue disputes before private mediators because the courts are no longer adequate, the Adam Smith Institute says today. They are inefficient, overcrowded and the time has come to develop private ways of resolving civil disputes which will be speedier and cheaper, it says in a

report*.

The institute calls for the Government to back the development of "alternative dispute resolution", or ADR, which it says gives the public the service it demands in the private sector.

ADR, in which parties take their dispute before a private mediator, is just starting in Britain, the report says. In America however the practice can resolve disputes in six months instead of the usual two years of public court time. Costs are also much lower.

Yesterday the Lord Chancellor's department said officials were still considering the subject. The Lord Chancellor has on occasions suggested that alternative ways of settling disputes should be examined.

Judgement Day - The Case for Alternative Dispute REs-olution by Adam Thierer. From the Adam Smith Institute. 23 Great Smith Street, London, SWIP 3BL £17.

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Judges shun local consultative role

JUDGES are refusing to par-ticipate at a local level with the government's initiative on the criminal justice system (Frances Gibb and Richard Ford write).

The criminal justice consultative council, which holds its first meeting at the Home Office today, was a key proposal of Lord Justice Woolf in his 1990 report on prison riots. The council is intended to be a national forum bringing together for the first time all the parts of the criminal justice system and to promote better understanding, co-operation and co-ordination.

It had been hoped in some official quarters that a senior judge would have chaired the committee but that position Office. Although there are two judges, Lord Justice Far-quharson and Judge Fisher. on the national committee. there will be none on the area committees which will mirror the work of the main

committee at local level. The government had hoped that the judiciary would take a more positive attitude. Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, believes that involving judges in possible formulation of policy, along-side police and government officials, would compromise judicial independence.

While acknowledging judicial concern, the Home Office argues that the government would benefit from the exper tise of the judiciary.

will be taken by the perma-Wives 'must take stand'

WIVES who accuse their husbands of rape would have to give evidence in court under proposals outlined yesterday for legislation on rape within

The proposals are put forward by the Law Commission, the official law reform body of England and Wales. which endorses the House of Lords' ruling last October that men can be found guilty of raping their wives.

The commission also makes clear that in spite of opposition from the Council of Circuit Judges, husbands should be covered by the law of rape whether or not they are living with their wives.

The circuit judges have argued that because of the prac-tical difficulties of bringing a prosecution for rape where husbands are still living with wives, they should still be immune from charges in

these cases.
The commission also proposes that husbands accused of rape should have anonymity to avoid possible identification of the wife. It says there is no social or legal justification for immunity from

Rape within Marriage (The Law Commission: Law Com. no 205, Stationery Office, £8.50)

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Crown jewels will be given a more luxurious setting

By Alan Hamilton

SO MANY visitors want to see the crown jewels, the world's most valuable set of rocks, that they are to be moved from their subterranean strongroom in the Tower of London to a location more able to handle

the crowds. Such are the queues to catch a glimpse of the Imperial state crown and the other regalia, and so bad the tempers in the crawling crocodile that shuffles past the display in its dimly-lit basement, that the Historic Royal Palaces Agency, which

runs the tower, has appointed consultants and an architect to design a better setting.

Colonel Hamish Mackinlay, deputy governor of the tower, said vesterday that the Jewel House, where the regalia has been dis-played since 1967, had been designed to handle up to 8,000 visitors a day, but that numbers were regularly double that. In 1990 the tower, the most popular paid attraction in Britain, handled 2.3 million visitors. Because of the Gulf war and other factors, numbers fell during 1991 to 1.9 million, but

business was expected to recover and to expand.

The most likely location for a new display was on the ground floor of the Waterloo block of the tower, Col Mackinlay said. "The present Jewel House was a great design in its time, but it has become overloaded.'

At present visitors face long queues to enter the Jewel House, before joining a slow procession which offers little opportunity to study the jewels at length. Visitors may leave the queue and stand in a gallery at the rear, but the displays

are then too far away to be seen in detail. "One of the problems is that the warders have to keep people on the move all the time; this can lead

to friction," Col Mackinlay said. Before the Jewel House was built the display was housed in the nearby Wakefield Tower, but the everincreasing number of visitors, who now pay £6 a head to see all the tower's attractions, made a move essential. Revenue from admissions is estimated at more than E11.5

million a year. The tower hopes to have the

in the spring of 1994. Until then they would remain on show as normal, except for the traditional four-week closure in January when they are cleaned and maintained.

Moving the jewels, which are too valuable to be insured, has raised fears for their security, but only one thief has ever got his hands on them. In 1671 Captain Blood, an Irish rogue, made off with them, but he had not got more than a few yards when he was apprehended and tackled, and the crown of England went rolling ignominiousjewels on display in their new home ly down the gutter of a City street.

Robbery jailing quashed on appeal

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A fourth man convicted and jailed on "supergrass" evidence provided by the dis-banded West Midlands ser-

bained west Mindards scrimes squad was freed by the Court of Appeal yester-day (Richard Ford writes). Valentine Cooke, aged 28, of Birmingham, who had been implicated in five armed robberies and attempted robbery, had his convictions declared "unsafe and unsatisfactory" by three appeal court judges. A ten-year sentence imposed in 1989 was set

quashing in October last year of the convictions of three other men implicated by Paul Jarvis, an informer to the discredited squad, in two separate trials in Birmingham.

Daniel Lynch, jailed for ten years for serious crime, and Gerald and Ronald Gall, jailed for three and two years respectively for their alleged roles in the shooting of a night-club doorman, were cleared by the appeal court.

Yesterday, Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Jowitt, said that the informer's evidence implicating Mr Cooke was unsup-ported and his convictions could not be upheld. However, the judges refused to intervene in the case of Samuel Corcoran, aged 30, of Birmingham who had been implicated in the shooting of

the night-club doorman. Still awaiting appeal hear-ings are Michael Bromell, serving a seven-year sentence for wounding, and Glen Lew-is, of Wolverhampton, jailed for ten years for robbery.

Editor to take university post

Peter Scott, the editor of The Times Higher Education Supplement since 1976, is to become a professor of educa-tion at Leeds University next September. The appointment, to develop the university's work in further and higher education, was announced as the paper cele-brated is 1,000th edition.

Sir Edward Pickering, chairman of The Times Sup-plements, said that Mr Scott had established the paper as the leading authority on higheducation in Britain. "His contribution to the paper's progress has been immense, and he goes to this important new appointment with the good wishes of his colleagues and friends."

Marquess 'too ill for court'

The Marquess of Bristol failed to attend court to answer four drug charges at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, yesterday because, his barrister said later, he was being treated at a London clinic for a drug related condition.

Lord Bristol, aged 37, of Ickworth Park, Horringer, Suffolk; was accused of two offences of possessing drugs and a further two of possession with intent to supply. The case was adjourned for a month when Lord Bristol would be fit to attend, the court was told. Bail was

Anti-Nazi group relaunched



The Anti-Nazi League was relaunched at the House of Commons yesterday amid warnings that followers of Adolf Hitler were making significant advances again in

Europe. Peter Hair, above), Labour MP for Neath, a founder of the organisation in the late 1970s, said that the relaunch was set off by the revival of the British National Party and its plans to field more than 50 candidates in the next election, the rise of Nazi and right-wing extremist activity in Europe and the increase in racial attacks in Britain.

CORRECTION

Our Review of 1991 published on 28 December mis-quoted Geraid Ramer's comment to the Institute of Directors in April. He did not say that Ratners Group's profits came from selling people what they wanted Total crap." That description was lightheartedly reserved for one gift item and not to the jewellery or any other item sold by Ratners-We apologise to Gerald

Woman attacked as rapist on prison leave fails to return

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A CONVICTED rapist with a history of sexual assaults on women has failed to return to Leyhill open prison, near Bristol, after a weekend on home leave.

Avon and Somerset police took the unusual step yesterday of naming Trevor Han-son, aged 47, after a young woman was attacked at knife point in Bristol on Monday evening. Hanson, from Halifax, West Yorkshire, was serving a life sentence inposed 20 years ago for raping a girl aged 18 near Leeds. The search for Hanson

began after an attack on the woman, aged 23, in a car park adjoining the Holiday Inn in central Bristol. She was returning to her car when a man spoke to her.

She became suspicious and tried to get into the car but the man grabbed her by the throat, pushed her into the car, produced a table knife

and threatened to kill her: wished to interview Hanson Detective Constable Sean Dunne, who praised the woman for fighting back, said that she "struggled, shouted, screamed and hollered. She did really well and a man came running to her aid. Her attacker made off." He said that the police



Hanson: police say that

because of fears for public safety. "We consider he is very dangerous." Hanson is white, with

cropped greying brown hair. He is medium build and has a day's growth of beard. He was wearing faded blue jeans, a pale blue cotton anorak and soft-soled shoes.

Nick Wall, the governor of Leyhill, declined to comment on individual cases. He said: "A number of prisoners are allowed on home leave up to six times a year provided they meet certain criteria. All prisoners who come to Levhill have been vetted as suitable

for open conditions."

Dawn Primarolo, Labour
MP for Bristol South, has written to Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, asking why Hanson was allowed home visits. "Several extremely serious questions need to be asked," she said. "Why was this man put in an open prison in the first place?"

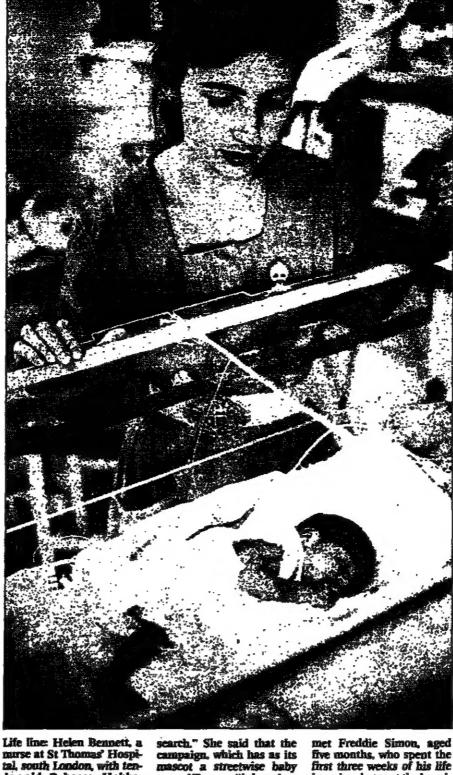
Jonathan Sayeed, Conservative MP for Bristol East, said: "To allow this man out was a mistake, an error of judgment by the prison au-thornies. He was jailed for life and he should be kept in jail

The Home Office said that Hanson was on three-days home leave and was due to return to the prison on Monday evening. "He failed to return and is now posted as unlawfully at large." Hanson has a history of sex-

attacks in Yorkshire, including one on a schoolgirl aged 15. In the late 1960s and early 1970s he carried out a series of attacks in and around Huddersfield. He repeatedly struck within weeks of being released from prison after serving sentences for attempted rape and robbery

At his trial at Leeds Crown Court in January 1971, he admitted the rape and another charge of attempted rape and indepent assault. The court was told he had three previous convictions in-

Last night a man was help-ing police with their enquines.



day-old Rebecca Hobbs, who weighs 3lb 7oz. The hospital yesterday started a £5 million campaign to fund research into premature

Speaking at the launch, the Duchess of York, whose obstetrician, Anthony Kenney, is a consultant at the hospital, said: "Too many babies' first experience of life is an incubator and we would like to change this by concentrated re-

named Tommy, "is based on people having fun, which is the particular element which appeals to me".

Campaign organisers will ask people around Britain to hold "potty" fund-raising events. Dennis the Menace has also been enlisted for the cause, which aims to collect E3.5 million for The Baby Fund Research Trust and £1.5 million to improve mother and baby facilities at St Thomas'. The duchess in an incubator at the hospi-

As he slept peacefully on her shoulder, his mother, Georgina, said her first baby had been stillborn and that Freddie was had been born by Caesarean section when a scan showed that he had stopped growing at 32

Nigel Havers and Maureen Lipman, the actors, and politicians were also at

Connery sues over 'coward' report

JASON Connery, the actor. yesterday asked a High Court jury in London to award him damages over a newspaper report that called him a coward who would rather kill himself than fight for his сошпіту.

The story about the son of the actor Sean Connery appeared on his 28th birthday. January II last year, the eve of the Gulf war.

Mr Connery, of King's Road, Chelsea, west London. listened as his counsel, George Carman, QC, told Mr Justice Drake that the story in The Sun headlined "! couldn't fight in Gulf says 007 son" caused him "enormous distress".

Mr Connery, who has played Robin of Sherwood and Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond, is seeking 'very substantial" libel damages over the "nasty and vicious" attack, in which he was quoted as saying he would rather run a mile and bury himself alive than go to war.

The article continued: "I'm a bit of a wimp on the quiet and the whole Gulf situation scares me absolutely to death. l am not the blindly brave gung-ho type at ail."

Mr Carman said: "When young men of Jason Connery's age and generation were out there in the desert waiting to fight for their country, he was accused of cowardice - not a conscientious objector, but afraid to fight for his country."

The story also said that his father had served in the Royal Navy. Mr Carman said that one of the article's libellous meanings was that Jason Connery was prepared to undermine the morale of the young men in the Gulf and their families.

"We say it is a deliberate, nasty and vicious attack on a young man's character. It was designed to contrast him with his father, who had indeed served in the RN, to point out he had played heroic roles, and to cause him maximum injury and distress at a time when war was about to break out."

Kelvin Mackenzie, the editor of The Sun, publishers News Group Newspapers. and journalists Andrew Coulson and Lesley Ann Jones, all deny libel. The hearing continues today.

Navy flier smuggled woman aboard

A MARRIED Royal Navy helicopter observer who smuggled a woman into his cabin aboard HMS Ark Royal after going ashore at a north American port was fined £500 and severely reprimanded at a court martial

Lieutenant Stephen Beirne, aged 30, finally admitted the truth to officers after a twoand-a-half hour search of the ship in Mayport, Virginia, Lieutenant Commander Peter Crabtree, for the prosecution, told the hearing in Plymouth, Devon.

In a statement Lt Beirne, of the 820 Naval Air Squadron. admitted that he brought the woman aboard and that she had stayed in his cabin, but he denied having sex with her, although he got on the bed in his boxer shorts and she got on the bed as well, said Lieutenant Commander Penny Melville-Brown, for the defence. They had chatted

and smoked. When searching officers opened the cabin door the girl was "obscured by him", the hearing was told. In a panic he denied having a girl

aboard. Li Beirne, married with three children, pleaded guilty to having a civilian woman on board without reasonable excuse, and to two charges of lying to an officer who ques-

tioned him during the search. Commander Melville-Brown said that Beirne and friends had met some girls in a bar and Beirne had goneto another bar with one of them. He decided it was time to leave and that the girl went home, but she insisted on seeing the ship."

During a third search of the ship Beirne opened his cabin door in response to a knock and said: "It's a fair cop. Yes, I do have a woman in here." He said he thought he could smuggle the girl off the ship with the next day's visitors. Beirne was not concerned with making a sexual conquest. "This was a married man in a situation which got completely out of con-

The defending officer said that Beirne, a helicopter observer during the Gulf war, had heard how unterly distraught his wife was. "His family life has been truly shanered."

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Officer 'stole book from dead actor'

collected autographs of the famous stole from the home of Kenneth Williams while the late comedy actor's body lay in the flat, a court was told

yesterday. Roy Bellamy was accused of taking a signed copy of the actor's autobiographical Back Drops, to add to his collection. When police. searched Mr Bellamy's home in September 1990 they found an extensive display of autographed photos of film and television stars collected

by Mr Bellamy and his wife. Anthony Leonard, for the prosecution, told Southwark crown court that Mr Bellamy, aged 42, coroner's officer for St Pancras, north London, took advantage of his position of trust to steal from the homes he visited of those who

Mr Williams, a regular star in the Carry On comedy films, died in April 1988 and his body was discovered by his mother who lived in the flat next door in Regent's Park, north London. Mr Williams's sister, Patricia Williams, told the court that she had later written to Mr Bellkindness at the inquest.

"As Barbara Windsor and I were leaving the court, I was in tears and Barbara was choking back tears and Mr Bellamy asked if we would like to go into an ante-room to compose ourselves before

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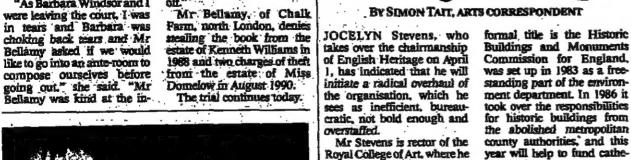
quest. I was very grateful to him because I have always stayed in the background whenever possible. I don't go for this publicity."

Mr Bellamy had searched the flat and taken some pills

which might have been relevant to the cause of death and a diary kept by Mr Williams. He also picked up a copy of Back Drops and put it in his briefcase, Mr Leonard said. The diary and other effects were later returned to Mr Williams's relatives but the copy of his autobiography was never given back.

Earlier, WPC Susan Turner told the court that she saw Mr Bellamy put a copy of the book into his briefcase. She identified the paperback. which had a colour photo of Mr Williams on the cover, as

Mr Leonard said that while Mr Bellamy was investigating the death of Anne Demelow, an elderly spinster, he also stole stamps from her collection and more than £400 of her pension savings. During his search, he opened a fridge in the woman's bedsitting room in Hampstead, north London, and late, saying: "It will only go





Langhing away his woes: Mickey Thomas, right, the Wrexham and former Welsh international footballer, being helped yesterday from Wren-ham magistrates' court. Clwyd, after he was released on bail on a charge of distributing counterfeit currency. Thomas, who denies the charge, had returned into custody after misplacing his passport, which he had to surrender under bail conditions, but it was later found.

Stevens will cut heritage red tape

By Simon Tait, arts correspondent

Royal College of Art, where he has transformed the campus and the academic structure. Before he leaves at the end of the summer term, its new E12 million building is to be opened and called the Stevens Building.

He says that the 1,700 English Heritage staff based in London should move to the regions. Money which should be spent on protecting the heritage is being wasted on high West End rents. Even the English Heritage

logo of a crenellated tower will be under threat because it suggests an unapproachable nature, he says. "The image is a very forbidding one, and English Heritage has to be accessible, reaching out, looking as if it really cares about the heritage and protecting it. Instead it's got a reputation for blocking things." English Heritage, whose

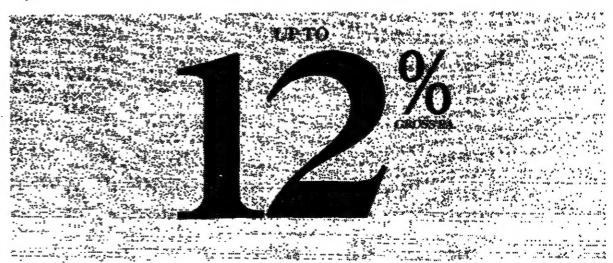
Buildings and Monuments Commission for England. was set up in 1983 as a freestanding part of the environment department. In 1986 it took over the responsibilities for historic buildings from the abolished metropolitan county authorities, and this year will help to fund cathedrai maintenance. Since its foundation, it has

been chaired by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, founder of the National Motor Museum in Hampshire. Mr Stevens said: Edward Montagu has battled hard and valiantly, but he has been fighting against a bureaucracy which spends most of its time producing paper for still more committees. There is a civil service attitude which is about looking after one's own position, and that will have to go.

Mr Stevens said that he would not champion preservation against progress. He plans an exhibition at the Royal College of Art which will question the wisdom of protecting sites which may not be unique at the cost of development and innovation.

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Benidorm ends chimpanzee abuse

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

ENLIGHTENED self-interest has finaily persuaded the local council in Benidorm to join the long-running campaign to rid Spanish holiday resorts of drug-befuddled chimpanzees owned by beach photographers by passing a law enabling police to confis-

cate the animals. The town has long turned a blind eye to the use of animals as photographers' props, but it has found that, with the Olympic Games coming to Barcelona and Expo to Seville this year, it could no longer afford to ignore the growing pressure of world opinion. So far, however, Benidorm is the only city or town to have passed a specific law against the exploitation of animals, with most of Spain remaining apparently bemused at the concern shown by

Spain argues that such laws could put many of their most popular local characters out of business. The Span-ish government managed to persuade the European Commission to drop a planned court case which would have condemned it for failing to impose international regulations governing the commercial exploitation of endangered species.

Cyril Rosen, of the International Primate Protection League, which has campaigned for 14 years against alleged Spanish indifference to the feelings or welfare of animals, was both pleased and cynical about the move. It is about time someone took some action," he said. "The Spanish government managed to persuade the EC that they were doing their best to stop the exploitation of animals such as chimpanzees. They said they had confiscated 30 since 1986, but we know that today at least 150 are being used regu-

larly throughout Spain.
"We will now be renewing our campaign to get British tourists to act as monitors and tell us whenever they see

"Islamic bomb" (Kedler) | uoni government

matter, being used for commercial

The World Wide Fund for Nature is also stepping up its pressure on the Spanish government through brochures distributed among tour operators. "It is illegal to use an imported aginal for commercial gain," a fund official said. "They are ignoring these rules even though they are signatories to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

"They managed to persuade the European Commission to drop the case against them and we must now rely on public pressure and the activities of the occasional enlightened community, such as Benidorm, to stamp out this awful practice."

Chimpanzees, imported illegally from Africa, are often drugged by their photographer handlers, have their teeth removed so that they cannot bite, are dressed in children's clothes and beaten to keep them submissive.

Heritage lost in rape of churches

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THIEVES are sacking churches in one of the greatest rapes of Britain's heritage since the Reformation. Church of England clergy were told yesterday. One in four churches in London can expect to be burgled this year and churches throughout the country can expect to lose irreplaceable chalices, carvings, statues and even pews, a seminar on church

colin Coxall, assistant commissioner with the City of London police, called for a strategy to tackle the thefts and vandalism. "There are well-established markets for items of value from churches, accompanied by a world increase in prices. The best results can be achieved by involving the church, the police and the community at large."

Insurance claims for arson, theft and malicious damage increased from 5,500 in 1990 to 6,500 last year. The Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, which insures more than 95 percent of Anglican churches, expects to receive 8,000 claims this year. Of last

year's claims, more than 3.000 involved thefts of over £1.5 million. Bob Johnson, the group's

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metropolitan surveyor, said that professional gangs were targeting oak furniture, paintings, coats of arms, computers and anything which could be adapted for secular use. "In some cases there is literally nothing left to steal." At St Botolph's, Aldgate, in the City, a 4ft Victorian cast iron cherub and plinth was taken from the forecourt in November and antiques worth more than £2,000 were taken from St Michael's, Wandsworth Com-

chael's, Wandsworth Common, southwest London. The Ven George Cassidy, Archdeacon of London, said: "Many people, especially young people, still feel the church is a symbol of authority. Frustration can show itself by an attack

on authority."

Sgt Alan Walker, of Staffordshire police, said: "We are responsible for our heritage for future generations. In 200 years, someone is going to be asking why someone did not do something."



Mourning losses: the Rev Andrew Horton, of St Michael's church, Wandsworth Common, which has lost antiques worth more than £2,000

Nursing and residential care practice

Homes 'drug and shackle' elderly

By JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE USE of pindown tactics to restrain elderly people has turned residential and nursing homes into "prisons in suburbia". says a report published yesterday.

Old people are routinely being locked up, shackled and drugged by staff to make them easier to look after in homes which charge £200 to £400 a week, it says. Some are strapped into their chairs or barricaded in tight spaces and left for hours at a time.

The report, by Counsel and Care, an independent advisory group for the elderly, says that many old people are restrained to a degree which unacceptably limits their freedom. So many homes keep their front doors permanently locked that they are "little prisons in suburbia".

Jef Smith, the group's general manager, said: "We have heard of people tied to lavatories and left for some minutes or, on occasion, some hours before someone comes to check them. Tying older

people into beds or chairs is still practised. It should be outlawed. We wouldn't permit it for prisoners. We feel it is ourrageous that it should be used for frail old people."

The charity, which visits 800 private and voluntary

800 private and voluntry homes in London every year, says that there is widespread use of sedatives and that some homes monitur residents with intercoms and video cameras. Many use chairs with tables that lock across the occupants' laps, and beds with raised cot sides or bedding that can be zipped up.

The report calls on the gov-

The report calls on the government to issue clearer guidelines on what forms of restraint are permissible. "If a home has a busy road outside, and a client is liable to wander, there is a real dilemma," Mr Smith said. "We accept that some restraint is needed but feel that physical

forms should be outlawed."

Often relatives are concerned about the risk of injury and staff then resort to unacceptable methods to protect the elderly from harm. "It is significant that the Department of Health rushed through guidelines about what staff could and couldn't do concerning young people," Mr Smith said. "We need similar guidelines for

elderly people."

He said that "a very wide

swath of nursing and residential homes" used some form of restraint, although no formal survey of its extent had been done. The problem was endemic to residential care, affecting private and local authority homes equally. "It is becoming more of an issue as the people admitted to residential care become more vulnerable," he said. The average age of residents was in the airestic and tights.

in the nineties and rising.

Good practice required high staffing levels, a high level of vigilance and care plans to be agreed with relatives spelling out acceptable risks, he said.

But there is a cost. At Compton Lodge, a home run by Hampstead Old People's Housing Trust, emphasis is placed on preserving residents' freedom and relatives are given guidance notes on safety. "We try to maintain high staffing, but our fees tend to be on the high side," Sue Martin, the manager, said. At £291 a week, the fees are £36 a week higher than income support levels.

What if they hart themselves. (Counsel and Care, Twyman House, 16 Bonny Street, London NW1 9PG; E5)

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Staff in dilemma over treatment

THE dilemma facing staff at homes for elderly people was underlined for a training officer with a care and counseling charity when she encountered a resident at a south London home (Jeremy Laurance writes).

"She was a woman in her seventies and she was tied to a chair with a bandage round her waist and another round her anklet. She had been there all morning and there was nothing in the room, not even a TV. She was rocking her chair trying to get out."

Elizabeth Rickarby, of

her chair trying to get out.

Elizabeth Rickarby, of
Counsel and Care, was making the charity's annual visit
to the home when she saw
the woman in a second floor
bedroom. "The staff explained that she was confused and liable to wander
and they were afraid she
might fall down the stairs.
She was waiting for a ground
floor room. But if she had
rocked her chair over, that
would have been even more
dangerous. If she wanted to
go to the loo, she had to bang
on the floor. The home was
short staffed and that is how

short staffed and that is how they were coping." Homes use a variety of

techniques to control their residents. Some are subtle, including overheating rooms to induce drowsiness. Others to induce drowsiness. Others rely on repeat sedatives. In one home an elderly man was kept in his pyjamas to prevent him from leaving the building. Another installed video cameras to spy on residents—until an inspector from the local anthority ordered their removal.

Sometimes relatives disagree about the degree of freedom that should be allowed. A social worker visiting her mother, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, found her asleep, face down in her meal, after she was given drugs to stop her wandering. The front door was locked and she was hemmed in by heavy pine tables to prevent her from getting out of her chair.

of her chair.

The social worker complained that she would like staff to regard her mother's efforts to leave the room "as a sign that she would like to go for a walk". However, her tather approved of the restraints because he feared that his wife would injure

Circus

chief had

Getry Cottle, the circus head,

was fined £500 by magistrates at Chertsey, Surrey,

yesterday for possessing cocaine. The court was told that

Cottle, aged 46, of Addlestone, Surrey, had 13.2 grammes hidden in his car

when he was stopped by

cocaine

Smoking ban nurse resigned

By Kerry Gill

A NURSE win smokes 30 cigarettes a day was driven "demented" after Greater Glasgow Health Board banned smoking at all its premises, an industrial tribunal was told

yesterday.
May Dryden, aged 63, resorted to snatching an illicit puff in the hospital toilets after the ban began last July. On July 5, in spite of being urged by her superior to reconsider, she resigned.

Mrs Dryden, who said that she had tried acupuncture and hypnotherapy to give up, told the tribunal that she was constructively dismissed from her job at the chy's Western Infirmary.

She said that she was

"stunned and unbelieving" when she learned of the ruling, delivered as a message in her pay packet. She hoped that it would be forgotten. Previously smokers had been able to smoke in a section of the canteen or in a special room during a morning tea break. The new policy meant that she would have had to smoke in the street, something she never did, and, as she worked in the atre, would have had no

time to change her clothes.

The health board said that all interested parties were consulted and an overwhelming majority of those who responded agreed with the ban.

The tribunal will give its

decision later.

police last July.

Cottle said that he had started taking the drug to combat stress. Anthony Brigden, his solicitor, said:
"Mr Cottle is extremely embarrassed by what has happened. It will never happen again."

Cottle, who attended the same school in Wimbledon as

John Major, started his circus career as a clown, stilt walker and fire-eater.

Gun threats

A man who threatened police with an air rifle and a pistol was overpowered by unarmed officers in Andover, Hampshire. No shots were fired but two officers were injured in the struggle.

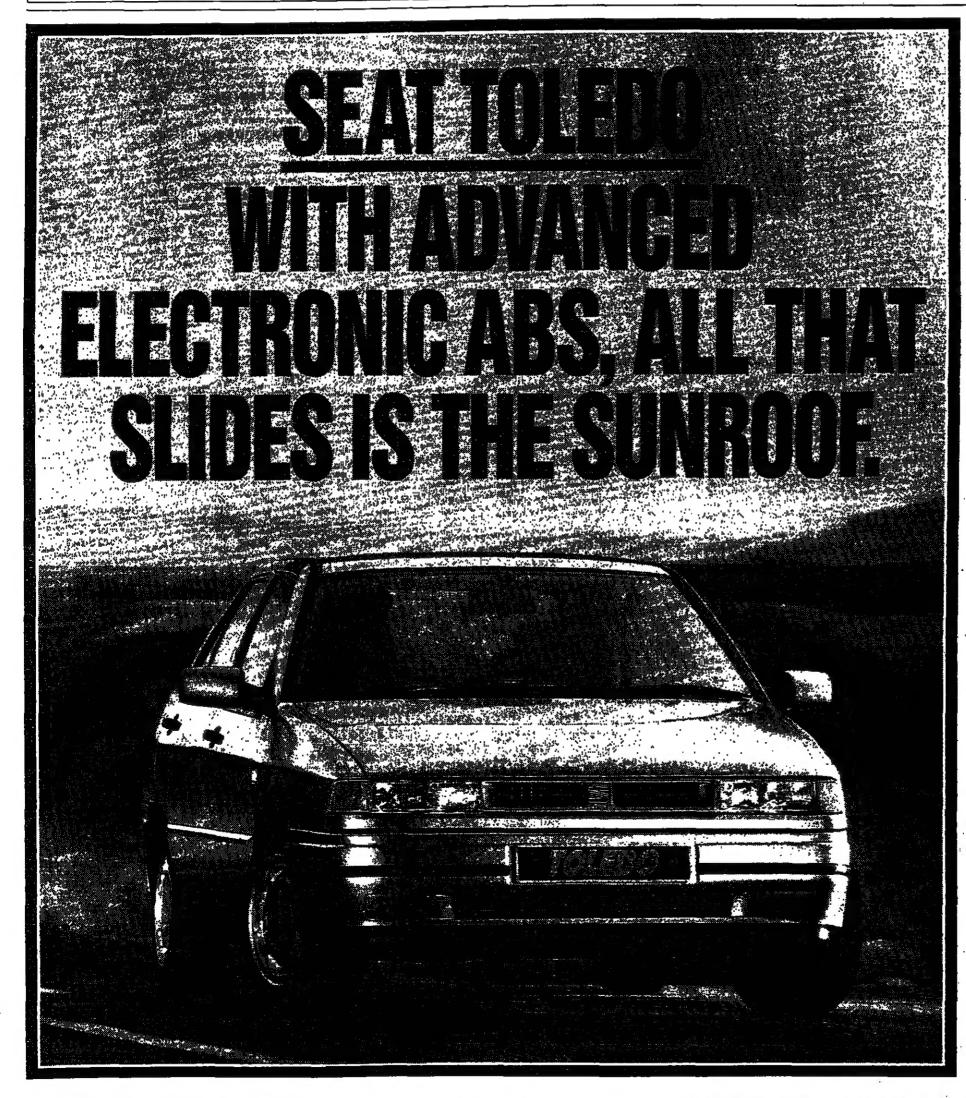
Explosive alert
The A30 at Honiton, Devon,
was sealed off after a van
carrying about a ton of explosive crashed into a hedge and
turned onto its side.

Ferret attack

Nikkola Jackson, aged four months, of Stapleford, Nottinghamshire, was treated for cuts and bites to her face after being attacked in her pramby an escaped ferret.

Pigsty listed

A former pigsty at Zennor,
Cornwall, has been declared
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Kaufman: "Labour will

take lead on defence".

would be imprudent for Brit-

ain to lift its nuclear shield.

The end of the Soviet empire brought dangers as well as opportunities. Mr Major

said, and we have to be

Mr King said the newly

independent Soviet states faced a virtual collapse in

conscription. Conscripts who were unsure whether they would be paid, fed or housed.

About 400,000 troops were

prepared for both

BRITAIN should keep up its ing to ealist the scientists

nuclear guard because of the

chaotic state of the armed

forces in the former Soviet

republics, Tom King, the de-

fence secretary, said last

Mr King also used a Com-

mons debate on defence to accuse Labour of being split-

from top to bottom on the

issue of keeping muclear weapons. He challenged Lab-

our's defence policy as he painted a bleak picture of

uncertainty over the control

of miclear weapons in the former Soviet Union In a

direct thrust at Neil Kinnock.

Mr King said he "despised" those who preiended they were no longer CND members or who had allowed their

in the former Soviet Union

there was a "dangerously ex-plosive mix" of factors and a

sense of alienation and des-

peration among the armed forces. There were 3,000

nuclear scientists who could

help other countries to devel-

op weapons, and at least one group had not been paid in December. Control and re-

sponsibility for them appeared to have broken down.

The risk of proliferation in

this way has never been greater," he said. There was evi-

at sea

membership to lapse.

Defence debate told of Soviet dangers

Disputes between the re-

publics over the custody of

nuclear weapons continued,

while links had been out be-

tween certain military units

and their headquarters. Tac-

tical nuclear weapons were

located in 13 of the former

republics. Although efforts

had been made to move these

to Russia by July, some were under the control of elements

whose morale was "extremely

Mr King said that even if

promises to reduce weapons

over the next ten years were made, the republics would still have 20 times more war-

heads than Britain. The West

could not guarantee success

in its efforts for a smooth transition. To be blunt, we

do not have a single idea who

might be in control in ten

years. We do not even have a

good idea or any confidence

ten weeks from now."

Mr King taunted Labour

over its changes on defence policy and said that 16 out of 22 of the shadow cabinet had

anti-nuclear backgrounds.
Gerald Kaufman, the

shadow foreign secretary, said that Mr King had stood

who might be in control in

on his head on nuclear mat-

ters and turned a public som-

ersault. This is a govern-ment which not only changes

its mind on what it regards as

basic nuclear defence issues

but does not even understand

what to do with the nuclear

weapons it possesses or seeks

to retain. This government

carnot be relied on to take the

lead in international nuclear

arms control discussions, but

the Labour government soon to be elected will certainly

The nuclear non-prolifera

tion treaty must be extended and the former Soviet repub-

lies persuaded to sign it. "Any nation that refuses to sign

must not be allowed to buy any nuclear materials at all,

even if they are for professedly

peaceful purposes," Mr Kauf

of ideas on the problems, and

was nostalgic for the Cold War, and could only mouth its slogans, he said. When-

ever the Tories know that they are facing electoral defeat, they dive head first into the

Gorbachev role, page '

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Labour refuses to turn back the clock for unions

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A LABOUR government would not reinstate the trade union immunities and privileges of the 1970s, the leadership pledged yesterday as it braced itself for the another wave in the Conservative preelection campaign.

Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, mounted pre-emptive strike against the planned Tory onslaught by portraying ministers as relics of a bygone age, constantly fighting old battles. In a forceful statement of

Labour's revised stance on industrial relations, which risked alienating left-wing union leaders, Mr Blair said: "No doubt over the coming weeks, after the nonsense on tax and defence, our political opponents will next say Lab-our will return to the industrial relations law of the Seventies. That is false. There is no turning the clock back: there will be no wholesale repeal of the existing trade union legislation.

"For example, ballots before strikes, ballots for union elections, restrictions on mass picketing, will stay. Like companies, unions will be subject to proper legal regulation. Like companies, they will be entitled to fairness within the law, not favours outside it.

But there can be no group of people outside the cabinet that truly believe that the future of Britain in the Nineties will be seriously decided by re-running the debates of the Seventies." Mr Blair told a conference in London.

Tory election strategists are planning to turn their fire on Labour's trade union proposals the week after next, after a renewed assault on the Opposition's public spending plans. Ministers will argue that Labour and the unions are "thick as thieves", pointing out that 90 per cent of the votes at the party's conferences are cast by the unions and that three-quarters of its money comes from union sources. They will also highlight the fact that most of the shadow cabinet are spon-

King wields nuclear shield

dence that other countries "living either in tents or in were "extremely active" in trycorners of barrack rooms". sector **Dumping** pledged

to end The Ministry of Defence is to stop dumping redun-dant ammunition and

January, Kenneth Carisle, the under secretary for defence procurement said in a written reply.

The change is in line with the government's general policy, as agreed internationally, that waste should be disposed of on land where this is sale and

explosives at sea from next

Woman tipped

for top job ~ Ladbrokes, the bookmakers, have made Betty Boothrovd, a deputy speaker, favourite to sucas Speaker after the election, when Mr Weatherill retires. They are offering odds of 2-1 cm for Miss Boothroyd, 6-1 against Dame Janet Fookes, and 10-1 against Paul Channon, Harold Walker, the deputy speaker, is also offered at 10-1.

Part-timers

Twenty five per cent of the British workforce— 6,491,00 people - were working part-time last June, the latest date for which figures are available Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said

On tour

An estimated 18.3 million overseas visitors are expected in the United Kingdom this year, spend-ing around £8 billion. Eric Forth, the junior em-ployment minister, told MPs at question time.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques tions: Trade and industry. Coal industry bill, remaining stages. Motions on stamp duty. Lords (2.30): Debates

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BY PHILIP WEBSTER

er was some £1.6 million. The Treasury said the maximum limit for answering a question was going up to 1400, cight times higher than the average. Some cost

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A recent league table prolific recipient of answers,

Boost in voluntary

BY PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL

LABOUR would appoint a minister to co-ordinate the activities of the voluntary sector across Whitehall, David Bhunkert, the shadow local government minister, prom-

government manister, promised yesterday.

He said a Labour government would provide an insmissions for valurating against this in its employement, training and other containing policies.

Mr Baloker was seame out Labour's approach to the voluntary sector in a new document, Building Bridges, which follows a two-year con-sultation exercise across Britain. The document describes the voluntary sector as being at the heart of Labour's belief er to the community. It says the party expects and welcomes a greater role for the voluntary sector in shaping the society of the future. "But this role brings with it responsibilities — especially where it is linked to the extension of

grant aid from central or local government The task of repairing the damage wrought over 13 years cannot be repaired quickly, and some of our commitments may take at least

the lifetime of a Parliament." Mr Blunkett said the dominant theme of Labour's approach was involving service users as much as possible in the delivery of services. "This contrasts sharply with the Citizen's Charter."



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swering questions has gone up, since 1988, from £33. Since then the maximum spending limit on satisfying the curiosity of MPs has been £250.

supplied of course in a written asnwer - showed Paul Flynn, the Labour MP for Newport West, as the most

with 928 received. Mr Flynn was followed by Martin Redmond, Labour MP for Don Vailey, with 646; Frank Dobson, the shadow energy secretary, with 593. Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiff West with 560. and Harry Cohen, MP for Leyton, with 527.

Police change line on family violence

THE Law Commission's report yesterday on rape within marriage is fresh evidence of the growing if belated recognition by police and lawyers that domestic bliss can be an illusion for women. The latest British Crime Survey estimated that there were over 400,000 domestic assaults on women in 1987 - a quarter of all assaults.

The Metropolitan Police claims to have led forces in Britain in striving over the past five years to change police culture, actively investigate offences and counsel vic-tims with a network of domestic violence units.

All new detectives under training are now taught that they must treat the problem of domestic violence seriously. All officers must now detail any call to which they respond and a report of "no cause for police action" will no longer be accepted as an

adequate response.
This week, as Scotland
Yard opens its sixty-second
domestic violence unit, in northeast London, the commission's report will be studied closely, not least by Inspector Shirley Tulloch,

Stewart Tendler reports on how Scotland Yard fights trouble at home

who co-ordinates the policy and work of the units. Later this year a Yard working party will review progress in London to date against the background of a continually rising call for help from

Inspector Tulloch said yesterday that there had been a dramatic change in the treatment of domestic cases and serious cases had led to heavy sentences. Units were finding increases in their workloads as assaults increased, possibly because of the stresses families are placed under including today's economic

Rape within marriage re-mained a very small portion of complaints. Most cases have involved couples living apart and allegations of rape involving a cohabiting couple were very difficult to investigate. But, she said, the number of reported cases might more confident that the police

and rape within marriage will feature on the agenda of the working party.

Since the formation of the

while in the

first units recorded offences of domestic violence in London have risen from 2,300 in 1987 to 5,100 last year. Whether the figures represent a real increase in wife battering is debatable. Police accept that a major reason for the growth lies in the effort that has gone into showing that they will take action and in publicising the units and their work.

The units, manned by a small group of trained female and male officers, offer a focal point for women under attack at home. The work of the units can range from a joint approach with social agencies to prevent the violence continuing to organising prosecutions against offenders.

In southwest London the units have pioneered a system of cautioning husbands or partners for minor offences rather than launching court action. Research suggests that an arrest can be very effective in deterring a hus-



Woman with a mission: Inspector Shirley Tulloch, co-ordinator of Scotland Yard's campaign to deal with domestic violence seriously and compassionately

PEOPLE

Long-distance run for Kim's postbag

sending "letters of loyalty" to Kim Jong II. son and designated heir of President Kine II Sung, to mark his forthcoming 50th birthday, Pyong-yang's official news agency said. The letters were adopted at mass meetings in prepara-tion for the junior Kim's birthday on February 16, the Korean Central News Agency said. Relay runners set off from 21 places with the letters and will arrive in Pyongyang after going "through all the counties and cities".

Presiden. Corazon Aquino of the Philippines has ordered an official to study turning the huge US naval base at Subic Bay into a Hong Konglike free port after American forces withdraw this year Speaking at the base, she said she had instructed veteran diplomat Alejandro Mel-chor, in charge of administering base conversion plans, to

study the proposal.
"Included with the plans is the proposal for a special economic zone in this place with a free port status like Hong Kong," she said in a speech before Filipino base workers and residents of neighbouring Olongapo City, which she has vowed to save from economic collapse.

The Japanese prime minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, concerned about the quality of life in his

North Koreans have started workaholic country, has asked that the next five-year plan should ensure that the average Japanese enjoyed the fruits of affluence. "Japan's per capita income has reached the world's highest levels, but this has not yet fully contributed to enriching life for each Japanese." Mr Mi-

yazawa said in a statement. The social environment, such as housing and infra-structure, should be improved to provide a better quality of life, he said, adding: "We have to pay much more attention to economic fairness rather than econom-

Many Australian voters see the prime minister. Paul trustworthy, and he would lose an election if one were held now, according to a poll published in the Australian

edition of Time magazine. It gave Mr Keating a 25 per cent approval rating, 1 per cent below the lowest level ever recorded for Bob Hawke, who was removed as prime minister on December 19 after Labor party politicians voted in favour of Mr Keating. "Many people com-mented on their disapproval of Mr Keating - he is not the right person, an arrogant man, no faith in him — and many simply said 'don't like him'," said the Roy Morgan Gallup poli report.

Museum profits from art

THE Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, pride of the tsars and later of the commissars, is embracing capitalism with a bear-like hug and en-tering the high-quality repro-duction business with the aid

of a London company.

Eight oil paintings, including Van Gogh's, The Lilac Bushes, and others by Monet. Pissarro, Cezanne, Bonnard and Derain, will be available in a limited edition collection of 300 for £40,000, or £6,250

thing that we can these days."

Pretoria enters

BY DAVID ALTREER

George Garkusha, market-ing director-general of the Hermitage, built by Catherine the Great in 1764, says: We believe this initiative will raise funds for the Hermitage and make our tressures more accessible." Or, as Dr V. Suslov, director of the Hermitage, puts it: "We have to make money out of every-

The Hermitage directors believe their reproductions are virtually identical to the originals. ART UK, a north London company, uses what it calls the Artagraph process. developed at a cost of £7 million, to copy oil paintings by laser optical scanning and special printing techniques that can simulate even the shape of the oil paint on the

Aids table

Pretoria: South Africa has become the fifteenth Africarrountry to report more than 1,000 cases of Aids. with 1,011 people infected since 1982, the health department said. More people were infected through heterosexual than homosexual sex. (AFP)

Crime gap

Peking: People under 25 are responsible for 75 per cent of all crimes in China and the average age of first offenders has fallen to St. 14. t Review magazine hasreported. (Reuter)

Love blast

Davao: A Philippine teenager was so enraged on seeing his girlfriend in a cinema with another man that he exploded a hand grenade, killing himself and his rival. (Reuter)

Pet creepy

Sydney: Seeking the ideal pet? One that doesn't bark or stain the carpet? Then look no further than the cockroach. An entomologist here has discovered a lucrative market - he sells mating pairs of giant burrowing cockroaches for £26. He has sold 180 pairs

in 18 months. (Reuter)

Knitters aid Delhi slum dwellers

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

VASANTHA Chandra has never heard of the Women's Institute. But she was glad of the bright-coloured sweater that came from far away. She said it might save the life of her undernourished daugh-ter Nitya, aged six weeks, who is desperately thin Mrs Chandra is one of

thousands of Delhi slum dwellers who have received sweaters knitted by members of the Women's Institute in response to an appeal that appeared in August's issue of Home and Country, the Women's Institute magazine Instead of the thousand sweaters the organisers expected, 11,000 sweaters were made, nearly 9,000 of which have already been dis-tributed. They followed a simple pattern dubbed the

jhuggi jumper. The jhuggi dwellers of Mori Gate slum in north Delhi, where 100 Tamil-speakng families live, survive as balloon-sellers, sweepers and coolies. Most families earn less than 50p a day. Mrs Chandra, aged 22, has received one sweater for each of her five children and says the winter will not be so hard now. "It is very cold at night.
My baby is sick because we
can't keep her warm."
Her tiny jhuggi has open
windows: in December the

rain lashed through it and soaked her children as they slept in the same thin clothes they wear all day. Many people die each year in the Delhi winter. The jinggi jumper scheme was instigated by the sewing group of the Delhi Commonwealth Women's Associa-tion, a welfare organisation. Morwenna Goodall, wife of Sir David Goodall, the retired British high commissioner, got her home village of Ampleforth in Yorkshire to knit sweaters. They made 101; the Women's Institute was then approached and the scheme spread throughout Britain British Airways of fered to fly the sweaters to India, free of charge.

Varada Menon, a member of the women's association. said the slum-dwellers were overwhelmed by the gifts.
They are touched to think that people who live thou-sands of miles away would do this for them.



Vasantha Chandra and baby Nitya

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UN peacekeepers arrive to start Croatia mission

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB AND TIM JUDAE IN BELGRADE

THE first batch of United Nations peacekeepers arrived in Zagreb and Belgrade yesterday paving the way for a full intervention force of some 10,000 "blue berets" in the

The 50 UN officers, who are from 18 countries including Britain, are led by Colonel John Wilson from Australia. They are unarmed and will be stationed in the two capitals. and at 11 troublespots throughout Croatia where they will attempt to strengthen the present ceasefire by installing communications equipment linking the Cro-

anan and the federal army. They will also liaise between the two sides to prevent minor incidents escalating into full-scale breaches of the

fragile peace. One Croanian was killed and another wounded on Monday night after exchange of fire near the Adriatic port of Sibenik but other fronts remained quiet. Colonel Wilson said that he

would spend the next days meeting senior officers of the federal army and that groups of UN officers would disperse today throughout Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The latter has yet to be drawn into the conflict, but Bosnia's deputy interior minister, Vin-mir Zepinic, said yesterday that its tense ethnic mix of Muslims. Croats and Serbs

made it "one big crisis point". Two groups of 12 observers arrived in Zagreb from Vienna yesterday afternoon flying the UN flag and wearing



Yugoslav conflict 'uproots million'

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

A MILLION people, have been displaced by the var in Yugosiavia, according to fundith Kumin, chief, of mission for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugers in Belerade

That figure means that the conflict in Croatia has caused the greatest movement of refusees and displaced people in Europe since the second world war. About 600,960. people have been reg as refugees in Yugosiavia since the beginning of the war last summer. They seg-istered when they needed help," Mrs Kumin said, "but we believe that this facure should be 10 per cent to 20 per cent higher because thou

sands have not registered. You roust also include tens who who have fled the draft. refugees now abroad, and those people who have gone to stay with families and friends working abroad. This gives us at least one million who have been forced to move because of the war."

Technically, the agency does not call the 600,000 people registered in Yugosiavia "refugees" because they are still within their country of origin - they are "dis-

placed persons". Thousands have registered as refugees in Austria, Germany and Italy, but the greatest number are in Hungary. There, 25,000 people have registered, but the Hungarian government estimates that as many as 45,000 have fled across Croatia's northeastern border. The figures

opened sixther a 25,000 Ser-bian achiges in Country Serb enclave of Krajina and the families of 36,000 Yugo-slav army officers who are being withdrawn from Cro-

atia and Slovenia are added. So far, Yugoslavia's republican Red Cross societies have been able to cope. Local people have given generously and opened their homes, but help has also come from the agency, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and Serb and Crost emigre

are Croats who have been loved to flee their bomes and are still in Creatia; but the rest are mainly Serbs who have sought refuge in Serbia and Bosnia Herregovina. In Croatia, half the refugees have been housed with famllies, the rest have been out up in hotels and communal centres. In Bosma-Herzegovina and Serbia, most refugees

have been put up privately.

Mirjana Milanovic, an organiser at a refugee centre outside Belgrade, said: "Most people who opened their homes to refugees thought it Several months later, many of these host families cannot cope any more and, despite the subsidies they get, they cannot afford it either, so we are getting people back here, whom we thought we had

elready settled." Under the terms of the peace accord, all refugees are supposed to go home but with no political settlement, most will not move until their for displaced people are in- future is secure.

their distinctive hats. All have

experience in previous UN

peacekeeping operations and

have been drafted into Yugo-

slavia from Kuwait and An-

gola. One officer, Major

Abdul Hafiz from Bangla-

desh, said: "Our mission here

is to make use of the UN's

good offices to maintain the

ceasefire and, if it so happens

that it is broken, to try to

The advance party of 50 will not venture into frontine

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nels for the first time since the

conflict began last June. Rep-

army and Croatian army

commanders met in the Hun-

garian town of Pers at the

weekend and have agreed on

further weekly meetings in a

The UN has made clear that it will only begin to draft

in the full complement of troops once a universal and

stable ceasefire has been

reached. But some Serb lead-

ers in Croatian enclaves are

unwilling to disarm their mi-lities and regard the decision

of the Serbian leader, Slobo-

dan Milosevic, to agree to a

UN deployment as a betrayal

of their cause. The extremist

Milan Babic, is now con-fronting Mr Milosevic and

threatened that their feud could end in bloodshed.

Crostia and Serbia both

agreed to bring in the UN but

have different expectations. Serbia believes that the sta-tioning of troops inside Cro-atia effectively confirms its territorial gains there by tak-

ing the regions it has con-quered out of Zagreb's

But Franjo Tudiman, Cro-atia's leader, said yesterday that he expected the presence of a peaceticoping force to

help his country regain the territory it had lost to the Serb-led federal army. He

pledged that unless the lost

areas were regained "the Cro-

ation people ... will save the entire land", implying that

On the eve of the deadline

for EC recognition of individ-

ual Yugoslav republics, Con-

stantine Mitsotakis, the

Greek prime minister, has

made an 11th-hour trip to

Belgrade, Bonn and Rome in

an attempt to prevent the recognition of Macedonia.

Greece believes that the name

Macedonia should be used

only to refer to the region of

Macedonia in the north of the

country. It insists that it will

only recognise the Yugoslav republic of the same name if

it renames itself and has sug-

gested the "Skopje Republic"

as a suitable compromise.

Athens fears that indepen-

dence for Macedonia could

spark off secessionism among

In another development,

the federal army has an-

nounced that soldiers from

western Serbia are to replace

tmits of Montenegrins who

have been besieging the Croatian port of Dubrownik for

two and a half months. Last

week. Montenegro, which along with Serbia had been

singled out for EC sanctions,

was exempted and there was

speculation that the small re-

public, formally a staunch

lly of Serbia, had pushed the

federal army to withdraw its

troops as it tries to distance

itself from Beigrade.

Macedonians in Greece.

the war could go on.

cader of the Krajina region.

restore the status quo."

Gorbachev's new role with think-tank



Fresh start: Mikhail Gorbachev arriving yesterday for his first day as head of his Moscow foundation for social, economic and political research

Traitor Blake to help KGB heirs sell their new image

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

years and has lived in Mospow since his dramatic escape from Wormwood Scrubs prison in 1966, is to speak at a press conference in Moscow today to launch the Russian edition of his autobiography.

Blake, who is now 68, has Western media in recent years, but remained for the most part in the shadows and several reports have said that he suffers from depression.

The decision to put Blake "on show" for the benefit of the media seems to be part of a campaign by the former foreign intelligence branch of the KGB — now reorganised as the Russian foreign intelligence service - to project an impression of enlightened vice's press office produced Oleg Nechiporenko, a retired KGB operative, to relate his largely abortive attempts to interview American prisoners of war in Vietnam in the

It is not clear where the initiative for the foreign intelligence service's new image comes from. It could come from the service itself, which may feel under pressure to demonstrate its worth or exhibit a new style. Equally, it could come from the service's new Russian masters, wanting to demonstrate to the world that they are breaking

with the past.

A third possibility is that it comes from within the former

GEORGE Blake, who spied KGB, which experienced a ing the merger by various for the Soviet Union for ten double loss of dignity with the means. For the benefit of double loss of dignity with the dissolution of the Soviet Union. A decree issued by Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, on December 19 announced not only that the Soviet KGB was being sub-



Blake: Moscow launch of his autobiography

sumed into the much smaller Russian Federation KGB, but that the KGB and the interior ministry of the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation were being merged to form one super-ministry to fight crime. The foreign intelligence branch was hived off, but its staff has undergone almost no changes and the KGB roots remain.

Mr Yeltsin's move to merge the KGB and interior ministry has placed the whole existence and ethos of the KGB under threat and has aroused a wave of opposition, much of it orchestrated. The staff of the two institutions are light-

public opinion, they have raised the spectre of the NKVD, which conducted Stalin's purges and was founded from a similar merger in 1934. They are also fighting the move on constitu-

A group of parliamentary deputies has taken the matter to Russia's newly established constitutional court, arguing that in merging the two insti-tutions Mr Yeltsin exceeded his presidential authority. The hearing - the first ever before the court - opened yesterday and one of the undertones was fear on the part of the heirs of the KGB that their special status and traditions would vanish without

At a time when the KGB in all its manifestations is fighting for its very existence. boasting of past successes or coming clean about others might be thought politically prudent. Whether it can, or should, be given any more credence than before, however, even in its new guise, is doubted by at least one former senior KGB officer. Oleg Kalugin, a former head of Soviet counter-intelligence, who defected to the democratic camp 18 months ago, yesterday stood by his allega-tions that the KGB had interrogated American prisoners of war in Vietnam and accused "remnants of the KGB" of mounting an elabo-

Former leader is back

FROM BRIAN KILLEN IN MOSCOW

MIKHAIL Gorbachev, three weeks after being forced to resign as president of the now disbanded Soviet Union, returned to work yesterday as head of a Moscow-based think-tank.

Looking subdued but relaxed, Mr Gorbachev arrived at his International Foundation for Social, Economic and Political Research for talks with Henry Kissinger, the American former Secretary of State. After his resignation last month, the former president said, he took a holiday, his full break from work in six

The think-tank, once headed by "the father of glasnost" Alexander Yakoviev, is now better known as the "Gorbachev foundation". The former Soviet leader will continue to work with Mr Yakovlev and other associates who helped him during almost seven years in office to transform his nation and

Mr Gorbachev said that he agreed with recent criticism of economic reforms being implemented by his old political rival, Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president. But he added that he believed the radical reforms, including price liberalisation, needed time to work. "There is no need to hurry because it is a crucial, very difficult stage... It is too early to draw conclusions," he said. Mr Gorbachev said that another ten days or so were needed to assess the impact on the nation of lifting price controls. He made no comment on the Commonwealth of Inde-

pendent States, which he opposed before bowing to the will of the II republics that created it to replace the Soviet

The former Soviet leader, who at the age of 60 appears to be heading for a career as an elder statesman, said after his resignation that he had no intention of abandoning poli-tics. He has been offered posts at several American universities, but has declined those and other offers in Europe, preferring to take charge of the foundation that bears his name. The foundation will generate ideas and give advice on social, econom-

ic and political issues. The independent Interfax news agency quoted Mr Gorbachev as saying that the serious and required corrective measures. He said that it was necessary to establish cooperation between republics, introduce tax policies that would stimulate production and deal immediately with economic monopolies.

Mr Gorbachev added that

he wished President Yeltsin would work for greater cooperation among the com-monwealth republics, Interfax reported. "I do not think anyone can match the role the Russian president plays in this field," he said. (Reuter) • Nuclear assurance: Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday that he had received assurances that Soviet Union's nuclear arsenal remained in Russian hands (Sheila Gunn writes).

There was much confusion in the republics, he told the Commons foreign affairs committee, but he saw no reason to doubt those assurances. However, David Howell, the chairman, said that it had evidence of proliferation in the nuclear capability of smaller countries.

Amnesty demands torture embargo

A BAN on British companies exporting equipment that could be used for torture and executions has been called for by Amnesty International

(David Young writes). Amnesty is also calling for an end to the secrecy that surrounds training provided by British forces and is demanding safeguards that training provided by the United Kingdom does not include instruction in techniques that will lead to human rights violations.

In a report, Repression Trade UK Ltd, Amnesty says that over the past ten years leg irons, an electronic torture chamber dubbed "House of Fun", and gallows have been exported by British firms.

The report also says that at a recent arms exhibition in Britain a weapon being offered for sale to overseas customers was described in sales literature as being capable of making "human hamburgers out of occupants in a room, car or other enclosed area".

Allegations that two Cambodian armed opposition groups have been trained by British forces, reportedly the SAS, in sabotage and mine-laying techniques that have resulted in about 300 civilians a month losing limbs and an unknown number of deaths have also been made.

Minister quits

Madrid: Julian Garcia Valverde, the Spanish health minister, has resigned after allegations of financial ir-regularities during his time as chairman of the state railway company, Renfe. He denies any wrongdoing.

Li to visit UN

Peking: Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, is to attend the United Nations Security Council summit in New York on January 31, and visit several European capitals, diplomats said. (Reuter)

Gandhi refusal

Delhi: Attempts to revive the Gandhi political dynasty, after the assassination last year of Rajiv Gandhi, were dashed when his daughter, Priyanka, rejected becoming a Congress (1) party commit-tee member in Uttar Pradesh.

Kohl ally wins

Strasbourg: Egon Klepsch, a German Christian Demothe European parliament. Herr Klepsch, an ally of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, defeated three others for the post. (AP)

Buying spree

Islamabad: Mian Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani prime minister, has left for France, where he is expected to try to buy a nuclear power plant and 44 Mirage jet fighters. America stopped military sales in 1990. (AP)

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Gibraltar test

Gibraltar: The general election here tomorrow will test the economic plan of Joe and Socialist Labour party leader. The policy is designed to make the Rock self-

Rat supreme

Toulouse: When the children of Toulouse sit down to school dinner, their meal may be spiced with a whiff of dead rat. A survey of state schools found dead rodents, spiders' webs yards high and fridges Parliament, page 5 | of rotting food. (Reuter)

YUGOSLAVIA NOTEBOOK by Anne McElvoy

Del Boy jokes cut across divisions of war

bian cream soup and fish salad Sava (named after the Serbian patron saint from its menu. The dishes will be renamed along "Croatian that the name is now widely lines" once the Yugoslav re-used in Croatia "as a term of public's independent credentials are established. which the mattre d hotel as-

sures will be the case. Little unites. Scrbs and the programme and swears Croats today. The only ex- that it is a valuable aid to his ception that transcends the conflict is their enthusiasm for British humaour. Only Pools and Horses and 'Allo! 'Allo' are the current hits here. The latter, a spoof on the French resistance set during the second world

telligence services. He caused astonishment since added that Del Boy, the main character of Only Fools and Horses, is so well known affection for stupid people".

Across the border, Dragan, my Beigrade interpreter, shares the affection for English vocabulary, which now includes the phrases "lovely-jubbly" and "pillock". Perhaps, that is a sign that there is hope of reconciliation after all for the warring sides. Trivective is an integral as-

Local of the Balkan cultural

A fter six months at war, Azagreb's Intercontinental hotel has crossed out Ser-



it appeared in public build-ings and hotel loyers at the beginning of the year. Resonant with Shakespearcan ire, it claims that the land is under siege by

concludes wih a grim if un-likely warning: "Oh, Europe and America, until it is too late even for you they are coming, these hyenas and rabid rats. They are coming and will

eat up Croatia and the Bal-

kans, they will eat up even you with your cold and uninterested looks, or are you gentlemen conducting some experiment with Croatin? How long will Serbo-communists and Chetnik animals massacre my dear mother homeland Croatia?" Fairness dictates that this

assessment be balanced by war-wisdoms from the Serbian camp, collected by Belgrade's Vreme magazine. Democracy is the word which has been infiltrated facing economic difficulties.

from the outside to cause new divisions between the Serbs even more tragic than previous ones", is a saying credited to Rastislay Petrovic, a historian.

Danilo Markovic, the Ser-bian education minister who advocates Cytillic as the official language in Yugoslavia, is quoted as saying: "Cyrillic is nicer and more practical for computers than the Latin alphabet." Dragutin Zelenovic. the

former prime minister, said: Foreign investors from all over the world have been to see me and offered to invest in the Serbian economy, so there should be no problems", dismissing claims that high unemployment and inflation at 250 per cent meant that the country was

Gascons ring the changes

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THE affair of the bells of Laas began a few years ago when a violent storm wrecked the ancient church tower in this tiny farming village deep in the heart of Gascony. With the enthusiastic suppport of its 30 or so permanent residents, it raised the money to replace the lost bells with some advanced electronic circultry that preserved the sound of the peals without requiring the services of traditional bell-ringers.

The villagers were delighted, but not Christian Monnoyeur, owner of the chateau that stands within earshot of the restored church tower. Arriving from Paris for a restful long weekend in the country, he was greeted by the sound of the new bells ringing out every half hour and hour, plus a thrice-daily session for the angelus.

visit on the mayor, Maurice Cuillas, a civilised agreement was reached under which the bells would fall silent between the hours of 10pm and 7am. This, however, did not endure for long and M Monnayeur decided upon reflection that he could settle for nothing less than a total prohibition, the angelus excepted. So he took legal action to achieve that. But as the rest of France

push the fiery Gascons too far: the blood of D'Artagnan still courses through their veins. The municipal council promptly dug in its heels against what indignant locals perceived as an attempt by this well-heeled outsider to lord it over them. "People here like to hear their bells, it livens things up in such a peaceful little corner of the world," M Cuillas told the

well knows, it is unwise to

question of silencing the bells totally just to please M Monnoyeur, the mayor added, especially since they were really no more clamorous nowadays than before. "We are still prepared to make further efforts, perhaps reducing the time that they ring during the day. But demanding complete silence - that was asking too much!" M Monnoyeur's next move

was to seek a order from the administrative tribunal in nearby Pau banning all but the angelus bells, in pursuit of which he engaged two Parisian lawyers to prepare the ground. It goes without saying that such a turn of events was not kindly received in Laas, where lawyers can expect a cool reception. The villagers are more determined than ever to fight on. awaiting the final court rul-Enough was enough and newspaper La Depêche du ing next week with more than after M Monnoyeur paid a Midi. There could be no a touch of Gascon bravado. ing next week with more than

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political upset of this century. The boom state of the

Arab leaders fight inexorable march of Islamic militants



THE halting of the Algerian elections is seen in Arab capitals as merely an obstacle to the advance of Islamic funda mentalism, growing support for which is ticking like a time bomb in countries as diverse as Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Tunisia, Syria and Sudan.

Reports of Pakistan's acquisition of nuclear expertise, Algeria's building of a new muclear plant, and arms buying by Iran in Russia and North Korea have increased the concern of Western and Arab intelligence agencies There has been co-operation between Egypt, Tunisia and some European agencies to monitor an attempt by fran to use Sudan in order to

Iranian Revolutionary. Guards have set up camps in Growing popular support for Islamic fundamentalism is ticking like a time bomb in Arab countries, reports Christopher Walker from Amman

Sudan, where the military most moderate Arab states. junta is under the sway of fundamentalists and where Sharia (Islamic law), was recently reinstated after a fiveyear suspension. The link between support for fundamentalists and the introduction of Western-style democracy in the Arab world is traced back to the Jordanian elections of November 1989 when fundamentalists won the biggest block of seats in Jordan had traditionally

been regarded as one of the

But the wave of support for the fundamentalists was seen as a reflection of true feelings especially among the disillusioned and often unemployed young — exposed by King Husain's pioneering decision to allow a fair poll.

The fundamentalists have

since been given a boost in the Middle East by the Gulf war, which they opposed, and by severe economic problems that have increased disaffection among young Muslim

its armed forces on alert before the decision to scrap tomorrow's poll in Algeria. President Ben Ali last year crushed Tunisia's fundamentalist party by arresting 300 fundamentalists, amid accusations of torture, and expelling its leaders, accusing

them of plotting a coup. In Egypt, where President Sadat was assassinated by Muslim fanatics in 1981, the repression has been severe, also prompting protests from a number of human rights organisations over torture inflicted on Islamic detainees. Hundreds of activists were jailed without trial for voicing opposition to Egypt's involvement in the coalition against Iraq. The country is regarded in the West as the key to Middle East stability. This is overlooked the serious flaws in Egyptian democracy. After events in Algeria,

which sent shockwaves through the Egyptian establishment, Muslim militants have been given a warning about any attempts to take advantage. Abdel-Halim Moussa, the interior minister, said: "Our commitment to democracy does not limit our movement to confront immediately any attempt to break the law or destabilise security, whether by religious extremists or others."

He told a parliamentary committee the security services "were following closely" contacts between Egyptian militants and fundamentalist groups mainly in Algeria, co, King Hassan's title of Amin al-Mouminine (descendant of the Prophet Muhammad) is insufficient to dampen growing protests by fundamentalist groups. In Turkey, the fundamentalist Welfare party won just under 17 per cent of the vote last

The grimmest warning of trouble came from Anis Mansour, an Egyptian journalist close to President Mubarak, who wrote in al-Ahram: "He lies to himself and to all the people who says that [Ayatollah Khomeini] was an Iranian and will remain an Iranian. He is ignorant who says: 'How does this concern us? These are problems that relate to the Shia sect and we are Sunnis'.



by Muslim fanatics

Algieria ponders

imposing state

of emergency

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ALGIERS

Palestinians and Israelis finally sit down to talk

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND RICHARD BERSTON AND PAUL ADAMS IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and the Palestinians finally began their first direct negotiations on interim Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories on Monday night, and were due to reume their historic talks in

Washington late yesterday.

At the initial two-hour meeting, the two sides put gling that had hitherto prevented any substantive discussions and exchanged

ists of issues for negotiation. Despite obvious disagree ments on Israel's continued settlement activity in the occupied territories, Hanan Ashwari, the Palestinian spokeswoman, said the mangural meeting had been candid and honest and "not in the least bit confrontational". Zalman Shoval, the Israeli ambassador to Washington, called the atmosphere.

gotiators were also the to commence their first direct negotiations yesterday with the ultimate aim of achieving a peace agreement between

Despite the breakthrough in the face of Arab protests. the Israeli negotiators were still planning to fly home the Middle East to underscore the fact that Arab states were now talking directly to them. But Dr Ashrawi cautioned that the breakthrough long process. "It is going to be

Both sets of talks were made possible by an agree-ment, reached earlier on Monday, which had resolved a month-long dispute over the role of the joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation. The Is-raelis had refused to meet the Palestinians separately, lest they implicitly recognised a distinct Palestinian identity.

Under the agreement the teams comprising nine Palestinians plus two Jordanians and nine Jordanians plus two Palestinians. These sub-committees will discuss issues exclusively affecting either the Palestinians or Jordan, However, the teams are defined as delegation and not as sepaane delegations. Issues of general concern will be dis-cussed by the full delegations. Talks were also communing

Syrian negotiators, but more than 24 hours of meetings this month and last have produced virtually no progress whatosever. Each side has adopted an ancomptomising stance on the future of the disputed Golan Heights. The breakthrough in

Washington was however met with bloodsbed in Israel when seven Israelis were injured last night after Palestinian gunmen raked a bos and car carrying Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank with

Palestinian hardliners to sabotage the peace efforts.

defence force said that a number of shots were fired from the roadside near the Palestinian village of Ein Siniya. Soldiers immediately sealed off the area.

that the government immedely recall the Israeli delegation in protest. Bob Lang, a amunities in Judea, Samaria (West Bank) and Gaza, said: "Every time we talk peace, Jews are shot. The prime minister must say that cannot sit at the same table with those who attack us. We know that the same Arab leaders in Washington are telling Arabs to keep up their violence against us.

Yesterday's ambush occurred only a few miles south of the site of a similar attack which was launched on the eve of last October's peace talks in Madrid that killed two people. Since then two other Jewish settlers have been killed in seperate Palestinian gun attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The incidents have provoked vio-

wing settler movement. So far the military authorities have responded by imposing corfew orders on Palestinan towns and villages and ordering the deportation of 12 palestinian activists. However, vesterday's shooting is likely to intensify pressure on the government to clamp down even harder.

The right-wing anger threatens to bring down the government of Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister. Yesterday, hard-liners threatened to leave the government, unless he could prove that Israel was not of-iering autonomy to the Palesadmitted that early general elections were possible.

The latest threat to Mr Shamir's government followed reports that Israeli negotiators in Washington had presented the Palestinian delegation with a blueprint for af-rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Rehavam Zeevi, leader of the tiny Moledet party, which advocates the mass expulsion of Palestinians from the occupied territories, said: "If the news is correct ... we are leaving the government."

Areas warning, page 10



Light fantastic a model in a clinging, sequinned silk dress stalks the catwalk yesterday in a show celebrating Hong Kong's fashion week

Suspected killer 'confesses'

FROM WILLIAM CASH IN LOS ANGELES

A CALIFORNIAN man on parole after serving nearly ten years in a Texas prison for beating his daughter to death emerged as a prime suspect yesterday for the serial killing of 19 women in Los Angeles. William Suff, aged 41, was arrested last week while with a prostitute on University Av-

enue, where several of the women were last seen alive. According to two Los Angeles television stations, Mr Suff has confessed to some of the killings. The 19 bodies were found on hillsides, in alleys and along roads in Riverside

Yesterday, the Supreme County, east of Los Angeles Court ordered the California court of appeal to resolve cases involving death row The revelation comes in the week that Jeffrey Dahmer, a prisoners more quickly. Since capital punishment was reinnecrophiliac, pleaded guilty but insane in Milwaukee to killing 15 men and boys. Last week a British former public stated in 1976, no murderer has been executed against his schoolboy, Charles Ng, aged 30, went on trial at Calaveras, will within a nine-state region where 462 inmates are on east of San Francisco, acdeath row, 306 of them in cused of being the "thriller

California. The spate of serial killings killer" who stalked 11 women led to the order which stated and filmed them pleading for that "any further postponemercy before raping and finally murdering them.

Mr Suff and Mr Ng face ments" of death penalty cases "will be subject to a most the death penalty if convicted.

ALGERIA'S military-domiof the Soonah mosque, "The ruling party is a bad loser," said Fodil, a self-appointed nated regime was yesterday thought to be considering the spokesman for the group. imposition of a state of emer-The National Liberation the Islamic Salvation Front Front is dead but it wants to unless it accepts the cancellastay on the throne." tion of the country's elections.

Hocine Ait Ahmed, the leader of the moderate Front for Socialist Forces, hoped the Islamic front "can master its troops and not engage in the door to civil war".

El Moudjahid, the newspaper of the former ruling National Liberation Front, has called for "the primacy of reference to the aborted democratic process. Many of the more independent newspapers shed no tears at the prospect of the fundamentalists being banned from party

The High Security Council, which on Sunday cancelled the country's first free parliamentary elections four days before the second round, was also expected to announce the formation of a "collegial presidency".

Observers said that the gov-

ernment of Sid Ahmed Ghozali had been discouraged by the uncompromising tone of a statement issued by the leaders of the Islamic front on Monday urging resistance to the curtailing of the elections, which the fundamentalists had been expected to win. About 50 leaders of the frontare believed to be attending a meeting at a secret ocation to decide on strategy.

pers Le Matin and El Watan

said the High Security Coun-

cil which assumed power

on Monday after the resigna-

tion of President Chadli

Benjedid could invoke article

87 of the constitution which

allows for a "state of excep-tion" to be imposed "when the nation is threatened by an

imminent peril to its institu-

tions". El Watan said: "The

way would be opened in this case for a dissolution of the

Islamic Salvation Front."

The fundamentalists are evidently divided. One faction, led by Abdelqadr Hachani, favoured limiting resistance to a call for the electoral process to be respected. But the jailed hardliner, Abassi Madani, reportedly wants opposition to extend to street marches and strikes which could lead to repression by the army. A third group, known as the "Afghans" because of their admiration for Muslim guerrillas in Afghanistan, is said to be

in favour of an insurrection. The appeal by the front stopped short of giving specific instructions to its supporters and the streets of Algiers were quiet yesterday. Shoppers and office workers seemed unperturbed by troops in full battle gear who were patrolling around key

Muslim fundamentalist activists yesterday reacted with amazement to signs that the authorities might ban the Is-lamic front. Ismahil, a carpenter said: "It is not just an office, are they going to ban the people?"

Outside his workshop young fundamentalists gathered on street corners in front

sion of the universe. There is

only a 10 per cent chance of

Other scientists at the At-

lanta meeting reported the

finding of the element, bo-

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stars in the Milky Way, but they confessed that they did

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This last possibility casts

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viction that all matter was

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Big Bang, and had only

began to coalesce into stars

others in the universe.

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Jobless send Bush warning

US EDITOR, IN CONCORD,

THE unemployment lines of New Hampshire sent a warning to George Bush yesterday as the president prepared for his first 1992 campaign visit to the state that is threatening

David Dupell of Concord, a well-dressed engineer who lost his job installing water sprinklers five months ago, told Patrick Buchanan, the conservative challenger, that he would vote any way neces-sary to get Mr Bush out of office. He was joined by Peter Hannagan, who lost his job as an arcade manager on the day that Mr Buchanan met him at the unemployment ofbut will vote Buchanan now," he said. Asking "how long is the recession going to last", he said that he was "confused about how America got into

this mess". Mr Buchanan, who in speeches makes broad claims of the president's broken promise not to raise taxes, addressed the two men's cases, promising no easy end to America's economic troubles. At least two independent New Englanders, sharing the region's characteristic scepticism of politics, ended the day impressed. "I like his honesty," Mr Hannagan said.

When President Bush arrives in the state today, for what is billed as an economic tour of coastal towns, he will find that his primary campaign is clearly in trouble.

Mr Buchanan is now only 16 points behind Mr Bush, according to the latest poll of Republican primary voters. The former speechwriter and journalist, who a month ago could be disdained by the White House, is now a threat who can seriously embarrass Mr Bush on February 18, a day which the pro-Buchanan newspaper, The Manchester Union, said could provide the

1980s now has one of the fastest rising unemployment rates in the country. More than half of the banks are closed and many domestic property values have halved. At the employment office Mr Buchanan met the people

whose case studies he used for important speeches as election day draws near.

Bush's first hurdle, page 14

Church leaders urge Shamir to defend Christian rights

Hand of friendship: one of the Palestinians

appealing against deportation kissing his daughter in a Gaza court yesterday

BY RICHARD BEESTON

LEADERS of the nine main Christian denominations in Jerusalem accused the Israeli authorities yesterday of flouting the rights of their communities in the Holy Land.

In a toughly worded state ment, the heads of the churches, including Samir Kafity, the Anglican bishop, criticised the increase in Jewish settlement in Arab east Jerusalem and the apparent disregard shown by Israeli authorities for recently unearthed Christian archae-

ological remains. One of the most serious incidents, and the one with the widest repercussions, has been the seizure of houses in Silwan by sculers who enjoy public funding and seek to evict many other families from the same neighbour- taken to protect their rights. hood of Silwan," the state-

ment said. It cited as further grave incidents the seizure in April 1990 of the Greek Orthodox St John's Hospice in the old city's Christian quarter and what it termed the ambivalence of the Shamir government towards the set-

tler movement. The statement called on the police to protect church property after vandals belonging to the extremist Kach movement recently slashed the tyres of cars belonging to Christian institutions in Jerusalem and daubed "Arabs get out" in Hebrew.

Earlier, Dr George Carey, the visiting Archbishop of Canterbury, had said that the Christian community in the Holy Land could disappear in 15 years unless steps were Yesterday's statement add-

Traine Bondo (Reiner) Toon government

ed: "As we have repeatedly stated in the past, we condemn any attempt to modify the demographic and unique character and status of Jerusigned by the Greek Orthodox, Latin and Armenian patriarchs, demanded protection for recently discovered Byzantine and Armenian archaeological remains that were vandalised by ultra-orthodax Jews opposed to any excavations that might un-earth Jewish tombs. "We demand the authorities provide protection against these depredations and take prompt action to forestall any harassment in the future," said the leaders, who threatened to take up the matter with Unesco, the United Nations body charged with protecting cul-

tural heritage.

The universe will go on expanding for ever, if new information gathered by America's Hubble tele-

scope is accurate.

Results announced this week at a meeting of the American Astronomical So-ciety have confirmed previous estimates that there is simply too little ordinary matter in the universe to halt its expansion. Unless there is at least ten times as much "dark matter", which we can neither see nor feel, the universe is bound to ex-

pand infinitely. The findings, reported at the meeting in Atlanta by Jeffry Linsky, an astronomer at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, heighten the puzzle about the ultimate fate of the universe. Most astronomers would like to believe that the matter thrown outwards by the Big Bang will ultimately

Scientists are puzzled at evidence from the Hubble telescope which shows that there is too little matter in the cosmos to halt its growth, Nigel Hawkes writes

Widening universe expands minds

come to a halt, and start coalescing again as the universe heads towards a "Big

Whether it will do so depends entirely on the total mass of the universe. If that is sufficient, the gravitational attraction will be enough to stop the expansion and ultimately reverse it. But Hubble's results confirm earlier estimates that the total visible mass is only a tenth of that needed for this to happen. The conclusion is that either we are in for infinite expansion, or there must be a form of dark matter which makes up nine-

The Hubble team arrived at its conclusions after mak-

mum amount of ordinary matter that can exist in the

olution spectrograph, they found an amount of normal matter too small by a factor of ten to reverse the expan-

ing the most precise mea-surements yet of the amount of deuterium - heavy hydrogen - in the universe. Astronomers believe that most of the deuterium created in the Big Bang exists today, and by measuring the ratio of deuterium to hydrogen they can estimate the maxi-

Studying the star, Capella, using Hubble's high res-

The Gulf war, one year on: how the conflict left its mark on the Middle East . . .

Not quite a global disaster

Oil fires: health hazard

EVEN before President Saddam Hussein fired the Kuwaiti wells, the pundits predicted global catastrophe. Monsoons would fail, the world's climate system would be skewed, entire species would be lost. The end of the world was nigh.

The true environmental consequences of the Gulf war have been much obscured by propaganda and media exaggeration and are only now becoming apparent — but the pundits, it seems, were wrong. The war was dreadful, no question; but it was not armageddon.

The stream of warnings before the event was begun by King Husain of Jordan in his speech to the World Climate Conference in Geneva in November 1990. and continued by a succession of anti-war groups in the west. The world climate system, they said, would be altered by the smoke from Kuwait's oil fires. The Asian monsoon, on which a billion people depend, would fail. Neither disaster happened.

On a regional basis, talities of photogenic extinctions of whole species, that were pre-

dicted for the oil-covered waters of the Gulf did not come to pass. Between 15,000 and 30,000 seabirds are thought to have died, but the dugongs, those curious and gentle sea-mammals which became instant celebrities when the oil slicks began, did not die in their hundreds, and neither did the green and hawksbill turtles; most of the vulnerable sea mammals remained too far

That said, the environmental im-



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was without precedent both in the atmosphere and at sea, and it faded from the headlines only because exaggeration.

According to figures released to The Times yesterday, it is probable that about 67 million tonnes of oil went up in smoke between the firing of Kuwait's wells by the retreating Iraqi army and the ceremonial extinguishing of the last

Kuwait's emir on November 6. Douglas Johnson, of the Meteorological Research Flight at Farnborough, who led a scientific investigation of the smoke plume, has calculated that this produced about 2.1 million tonnes of soot particles and about two million tonnes of sulphur.

Although these huge amounts of filth turned night into day above Kuwait, they did not affect the world climate system, Mr Johnson says, because they did not get into the stratosphere. There they

would have remained

above the rainclouds and — as some environmentalists feared — would possibly have caused the Asian monsoon to fail. As it happened, the soot particles got no higher than 5,000m, where rain washed them back down after a week to a fortnight. Locally, however, the smoke plume has indeed produced health problems on a huge scale, especially respiratory difficulties and skin afflictions. In September the World Health Organisation said it expected death rates in Kuwait to



Cormorant as war casualty: up to 30,000 seabirds are thought to have died, fewer than predicted

increase by ten per cent over the

following year as a result. The amount of oil released into the waters of the Gulf at the start of the war has been the subject of much speculation. Estimates range from the 11 million barrels General Schwarzkopf claimed at the outset to 0.5 million barrels, estimated by the Saudi Meteorology and Environ-mental Protection Administration on February 13. The average of these 25 estimates is 6.23 million barrels, and this is roughly in line

with the most recent US estimate of six to eight million barrels.

Six million barrels of oil is easily the largest amount of crude ever spilled into the sea at one go, dwarfing the 250,000 barrels spilled by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska in 1989. Its effects have been terrible, but contained.

The huge slick drifted down the Saudi coastline for 350 miles, wreaking havoc, and was halted at Abu Ali island. The intertidal zone the sensitive area between high and low water marks essential for many fish, small animals such as shrimps, and wading birds, and which in the Gulf is often represented by saltmarsh and mangrove swamp - has been largely wiped

However, because the slick was halted and did not reach Bahrain, Oatar and the islands of the southern Gulf, much greater mortalities

Brave new world fades

A YEAR ago this morning 166th day under Tragi occuthe liberation they were sure would come, they also considered what a new, post-war Kuwait would look like. Some believed a fully democratic future beckoned for the emirate. Opposition politicians, women, and journalists accustomed to censorship all hoped for a brave new world.

The high expectations have in many ways been dashed. The al-Sabah family has shown little understanding of the changed psychology of many of their people and resorted to its pre-war methtronage to head off criticism

and opposition.

Within a few days of liberation an independent news-paper, February 26th, which was formed quickly after the Iraqi rost, was banned. A prominent opposition politi-cian, Hamad al-Joual, was shot and seriously wounded by military irregulars widely believed to be connected with hardline junior al-Sabah

A strong message was sent. to those who wanted the emirate to change when a government reshuffle in April saw the re-appointment of the highly unpopular sheikhs Sa-lem and Nawaf al-Sabah — interior and defence ministers at the time of the invasion - to the cabinet. The new cabinet included no opposition figure or resistance leader in its ranks:

After growing internal pol-itical pressure and behindthe scenes diplomatic persuasion, the emir eventually agreed to honour the promise he gave while in exile of holding national assembly elections, and set the date for October 1992. The more western-style radical politicians are furious that the vote will remain limited to Kuwaiti males who can trace their ancestry back to 1920, thus restorting the electorate to about 70,000 people. Feangry that they will still be

In the immediate month after liberation the al-Sabah family were criticised for the slow pace of emergency rewater and electricity supplies speedily. The languid style of government has continued. The pace of reconstruction has been slow. The service sector is still far from re-

THE brave new world also failed to come for the 400,000 Palestinians resident in Kuwait before the Iraqi invasion. Nothing has done more to tarnish Kuwait than the semi-official vigilanto-style campaign of arrests, torture and killings waged against the Palestinians from March to May. About 200,000 Palestinians remained in Knwait during the Lincil contracting. Iraqi occupation. Some aided the Iraqis but the majority did not. The returning Ku-waitis wanted somebody to vent their anger against, and as immigrants the Palestin-ians had been resented long

before the invasion. Several hundred Palestinians were killed and tortured. The 200,000 who were outside the emirate on liberation have not been allowed to return. Those who had public sector jobs have been sacked and many private sector employers, including banks, have also dismissed Palestinian workers. Only about 50,000 Palestinians remain

in Kuwait today.
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Israel 'faces 1,000 missiles'

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ISRAEL'S defence minister. Moshe Arens, said yesterday that the international community had failed to learn the lessons of the Gulf war and continued to supply radical states in the Middle East with billions of pounds worth of

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nuclear experts whom already have chemical weapons and some of whom are engaged in aggressive programmes to acquire nuclear arms.

"It is clear that a number of countries, specifically Iran and Libya, have medium range missiles with chemical warfare capability and are trying to obtain nuclear capability," he told The Times. "In the Middle East today there must be 1,000 missiles in Iraq, Iran, Syria, Libya and Saudi Arabia, most with a range to hit

Although controlling the sale of sophisticated weapons to the Middle East was seen as a priority by the West at the end of the Gulf war, the arms bazaar now appears to be

THE shadow of Saddam Hussein con-

tinues to haunt the oil market. The price of crude oil, which plummeted upon the outoreak of hostilities, has remained

Saudi Arabia and fellow members of the Organisation of Petroleum Export-

ing Countries (Opec) continue to pro-

duce oil at full capacity, even though

demand is weak because of the reces-

output to compensate for the loss of

crude from Kuwait and Iraq and have

shown themselves reluctant to cut back

despite the changing scenario. Junior Opec members that have been affected

by reduced levels of investment from

recession-hit industrial nations are also

anxious to maximise oil revenues

Opec's inability to restrain output has

helped the market absorb the poten-

tially damaging impact of the collapse

of production from the former Soviet

Union which, until its break-up, was still

the world's largest oil producer. But the

question of Iraq's inevitable return to full production has yet to be resolved. The widely-traded Brent crude is

currently trading at about \$18 a barrel, having recovered from a low of \$16.80

last week. Oil traded at \$21 when

Saddam ordered his troops into Kuwait.

protesting that the emirate was respon-

sible for what he considered to be an

artificially low price because it contin-ued to breach the output quota imposed by Opec and agreed by all members.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait all quotas

through higher sales.

sion in Europe and the United States. The Saudis led the race to increase

depressed since the end of the war.

Iran has embarked on an modernise its military.

particularly with hardware such as tanks and warplanes from redundant Soviet stockpiles, Syria is attempting to spend £1 billion on similar weapons and Libya is reported to have tried to hire

to help develop the atom bomb. Israel, the only confirmed nuclear power in the region, continues to receive about £1 billion a year in American military aid as well as hundreds of

millions of pounds in defence-related research and development

Mr Arens, the front-runner to replace prime minister Yitzhak Shamir as leader of the ruling Likud party, was utterly dismissive about the prospects of any arms control agreement for the Middle East being reached when the subject is raised in Moscow on January 28 as part of scheduled multilateral talks.

The very countries that talk about arms control are the same countries that sell arms to the Middle East," be said, citing in particular Russia and other fermer Soviet republics, Britain, France, the United States, China and North Korea.

He said that the countries which posed the greatest threat to security in the Middle East had rejected the current American-led peace initiative. "Iraq Iran and Libya are not taking part in the

Warning: Arens on the contrary

nounced they will do every thing they can to derail it," he said. "So as far as that game is concerned the peace pro-cess is not an adequate re-

Mr Arens said that the Jewish state depends on the ful military, which many Israelis on the both the left and the right believe should have gone into action when be fanky

Israel received its first Scud missile attack a year ago this

"It is hard to second guess Arab dictators but most of them are aware of Israel's military capability and I don't think that any of them are under the illusion that they could attack Israel without response," he said.

They all know that if Israel did not hit back at Iraq it was not because we lacked the capability of doing so, or lacked the desire of doing so."

However, were Israel to be targeted by surface to surface missiles today it is doubtful whether its civilian population would be much better protected than it was last

Not only has the reputation of the American Patriot missile system been dented by reports that it provided inadequate defence against Scuti missiles aimed at Israel and Saudi Arabia, but Israel's own anti-missile system, the Arrow, is said to have mal-functioned on its last three test launches.

Embarrassed Israeli officials have also announced that determine value of its power—all gas masks issued for the ful military, which many. Guif-war will be replaced by October this year, because one in three was estimated to

Weak demand

BY MARTIN BARROW

were suspended and Saudi Arabia increased output from five million barrels per day (bpd) to 8.5 million barrels. This made good most of the 4.5 million bpd that were lost when Iraq and Kuwait were removed from the international market. These levels have been sustained — or even increased and last November Opec produced just under 25 million bpd, against a target of 23.5 million bpd. A mild winter in the northern hemisphere affecting demand for heating fuel, has left the market awash with oil.

Oil prices could fall further this spring if as expected, Iraq resumes oil exports and Opec is not able to impose cuts on other members. Last week Iraqi officials met representatives of the United Nations seeking to agree a formula that would allow the war-ravaged country to sell oil and raise funds for humanitarian puposes, such as the purchase of medicine and the reconstruction of hospitals. A UN resolution letting Iraq export \$1.6 billion of oil over a six-

month period is conditional upon Baghdad agreeing to use some of the funds to pay war reparations. Iraq is funds to pay war reparations. Iraq is vehemently opposed to this condition but talks between the parties continue. Knwait is also moving steadily towards the resumption of normal oil exports. All oil well fires have been extinguished and last November the emirate produced almost 500,000 bpd. This time next year it is likely that production will have returned to prewar levels.

Opec meets next month to allocate quotas for the second quarter of 1992 and will attempt to bring production back under control. The organisation's record in forging agreements and then making them stick is not good, and oil traders forsee further price weakness as the cold season in the northern hemisphere draws to a close.

Saudi Arabia would benefit from higher oil prices but is understandably reluctant to be seen to be reducing oil output to accommodate the Iragis, who little more than one year ago were bombing Saudi civilians. In America Sandi action to support higher oil prices would be interpreted as a poor way of thanking the US for its help in the war.

Britain and America, the leading Britain and America, the leading figures in the coalition against Saddam, will view lower oil prices as a mixed blessing. Although lower energy costs provide welcome relief in the battle against inflation, both countries are significant oil producers and will suffer from lower revenues.

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and how television became a willing tool of the military machine — or did it?

Shooting news from both sides

he editors of quality news-papers, worried by the implications for sales of the burgeoning "global village", should engrave on their word processors an addition to that most catchy of the promotional jingles for

tures live is a moment the world The addition should be ... but rarely comprehends".

Ted Turner's Cable News Network

The moment television news cap-

Nowhere was this more apparent than during the Gulf war, seen by many as CNN's finest hour and the main reason why Turner, the 53year-old former America's Cup yachisman and third husband of Jane Fonda, who founded the network, was Time magazine's nomination as Man of the Year.

To those of us watching CNN in places where the war was taking place, it quickly became clear that viewers around the world and our own news desks were often getting a very different impression of what was taking place, and why.

CNN's coverage, for all its techni-cal brilliance, presented war as sanitised public theatre, a war without much blood, few corpses and little mental anguish, in a world where appalling examples of mili-tary speak such as "collateral damage (a euphemism for human carnage) passed unquestioned. It was also a war where censorship and manipulation were frequent.

It is no surprise that it was only newspapers and news magazines that carried shocking images and full descriptions of the terrible charred remains of the fleeing Iraqis caught on Kuwair's Mutla Ridge

Similarly, it was the written press which carried accounts of the brutally suppressed Shia Muslim unrising in the south of Iraq, while television concentrated on the equally horrific but physically more accessible fate of the Kurds in the north. the Kurds in the north.

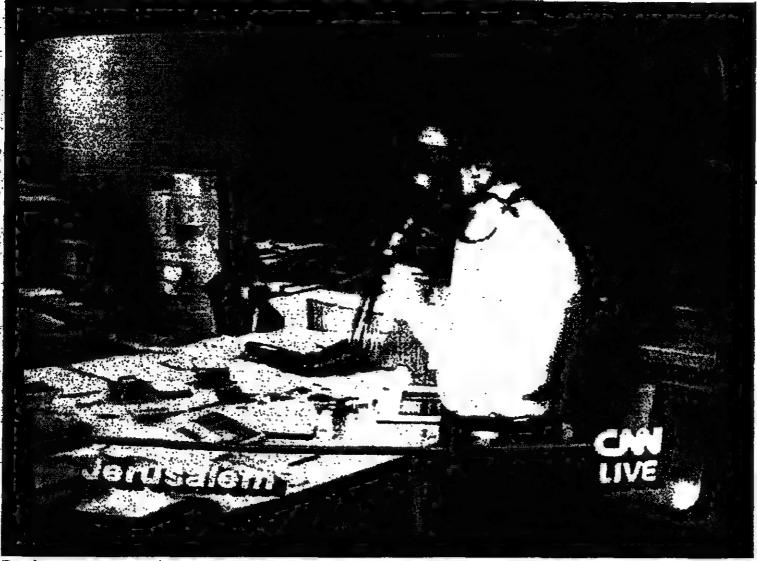
While some would argue that one result of CNN's instant transmission of news into the living rooms of 150 countries is to sound the death knell of that endangered species, the newspaper foreign correspondent in reality it should increase their usefulness, provided there is a realisation that a radically new ap-

proach to their work is needed.

As Time argued in its citation for the man it named, with circious Washington-style pomposity, as Robert Edward Turner III, the very definition of news was re-written, during 1991, from "something that has happened" to "something that is happening at the very moment you

are hearing of it.

That was driven home to me in unnerving fashion in the early days of the air war last January when, on more than one occasion, the 24-London would anxiously ring my room in the Dharan Meridien Hotel to wake me with the warning. (that they had inevitably seen on CNN) that a Soud missile alert had been announced for eastern Saudi-



Front-page news from an embattled front line: CNN reporter Larry Register files his report from Jerusalem after a Scud missile attack

The proper response of a correspondent is to concentrate on digging information in areas where elevision cameras are unable, forbidden or unwilling to tread, and to concentrate on description, explana-

tion and investigation.

Given that CNN wheis the appethe for events in lar-off places, there is no reason why the quality press cannot thrive off it. Serious viewers of CNN want to know more about what they have seen, and are often put off by the gauche Americanness

by yet, there are only hints-that this changed ap-proach is beginning to-alter the traditional front page mix in what was Fleet Street. The change should not be wholesale, as the printed word is still needed to drive home points that, in televised images, allo quickly through the mind. Papers also have a valuable function as vehicles of record that

live television can never usurp. Although CNN has matured enormously from the days when it was known derisively as "The Chick-en Noodle Network", it and the other American and British television organisations are much more open to being tools of officialdom than those whose main tools remain the pen and the notebook.

graphically illustrated by John Simpson, BBC Television's foreign editor and a model exponent of the thinking person's onscreen reporter in his first-hand account of the trau-Baghdad - 12

months ago this

The Iragis -badly wanted the television people to stay. In particular, they wanted CNN to stay. Saddam Hussein's strategy was dependent on having

who could see - and transmit - the terrible scenes he expected would take place. This was wity he anticipated only two air strikes on the city: CNN would show the results to the American people, who would put such pressure on George Bush that the air war would be called off." Simpson wrote in From The House

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knows, television news is nothing if it does not have pictures, and its brief account of events is normally tailored to fit the pictures rather than the facts.

In war, this practice is especially dangerous, because when the pictures are deemed too shocking to be aired (it makes the mind boggle as to how CNN would have covered the nying description is also often omit-ted. "It quickly becomes war as video game, rather than war as it really is: brutal, vomit-making and often unedifying for those involved," one Western radio correspondent says.

By inadvertently helping Saddam's missile aimers to adjust their coefficients, by their practice of identifying Scud targets, later halted after protest, and by going along with Allied military censorship, CNN played a major — but not always blameless - role in the public's comprehension of, and therefore attitude, to the war and its efurmath. The macabre sight of its reporters

and other television teams working in their gas masks helped to drive home the dangers of reporting the conflict. But the net result of much of the footage was to reduce understanding rather than increase it. particularly when the machinations of the military spin doctors from the Pentagon and Whitehall went

"History as it happens" is how Time characterised the output of CNN's round-the-clock news so vice. Newspapers are not obliged to agree with Henry Ford in order to realise that this is a slick and frequently shallow formula to which they can provide a vital complement, rather than slow-footed rivalry.

A conflict of images

NEWSPAPERS can be a bit like Britain in the Fifties, in that, to adapt Dean Acheson's quote, they've lost their pre-eminence, and are yet to find a new role. They can't beat television to the punch, and yet nothing gets a hack's blood racing as much as being first. So, when the papers start talking about more analysis, it's tempting to appland. The trouble is they can't help sneering at the upstart newcomer, television,

as they do it.
The latest incarnation of this view is that television made a mess of the Gulf war. It's fashionable to say that the coalition managed the news, "sanitising" the war, while television meekly gave way, ignoring the real issues. The heroes are the print reporters who broke the rules.

But the idea that television submitted to official control more than print did does not wash. ITN had a team unofficially holed up in Khafji, Saudi Arabia, a BBC Newsnight team roamed freely throughout the war, and other BBC crews made unauth-orised trips to Khafji during the Many TV

Iraqi attack. Just before the ground war, many television networks simply ignored the rules

to get the story.
They also had teams with Centrom HQ in Riyadh, and on any pool (the offi-cial journalists at-

tached to military units) they could get. In other words, they covered every base - just as the newspapers did. No news organisation covering a story can avoid making its pacts with officialdom in exchange for access.

To say the allies "man-aged" the news in the Gulf war also makes one-sided a more complex game. The power of television, especially CNN, produced more openness than the military intended, or newspapers could manage. However, it is a curious feature of journalists that we get a buzz from the covert source, as if the unnamed source does not have it's own agenda. CNN is also in a different category from other television, being more of a visual Reuters, putting out raw information. Treated that way, it is more asset than hindrage

It was also television's video of the Busra Road that shook the world. It was television, including the BBC and CNN,

TV TRUTHS

that reported the Baghdad bunker bombing, to the coalition's anger and dismay. Shocking images, full of the "reality" of war allegedly only reported by print.

In fact, the most memorable print response to the bunker bombing was by the Daily Express, in a story headlined "Outrage Over BBC War Biar". The editorial slant of some of the media seems to me to have had a far bigger impact on what the public were told than official

arm-twisting.

Equally, television does not deserve a clean bill of health. The instant demands of live news give over-pressured reporters unrivalled opportunities for being instantly wrong, while giving a further shove to journalists' already strong tendency to sensationalise.

All this is hardly new, so why the fuss? The fact is the debate about the Gulf has a second agenda, which has little to do with the nature of

print and tele-Some journalists as-sume official innetworks ignored exposed by fearless reporters the rules to swanning aro-und the desert. get the munion should be treated like any other source, and judged on its

> that of the official briefings was not bad. Pretty much what they said was happening, happened. Sure, they didn't tell us the whole story, but there was no repeat of Vietnam, with systematic deception of the media.

record

The military recognised that to lie was ultimately selfdefeating. The American military learnt from Vietnam, and the only people who do not seem to have realised it were Saddam Hussein and some of the media. But television's besetting

sin was that it supposedly broadcast a "clean" Gulf war, and not enough of the "reality" of war. This is, of course, code for showing bits of bodies, but is that all the reality of warfare amounts to? War is about heroism as well -waving refugees, drama as well as death. Journalists should show it all, and let the public decide whether war is hell. The author is defence correspondent for BBC Radio.

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Turandot to tour

THE Royal Opera's production of Puccini's Turandot, seen this month at Wembley Arena, will now travel to regional venues and abroad. according to Raymond Gub-bay, promoter of the Wem-bley venture. Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow and Sheffield are likely candidates for a transfer, with Amsterdam possible as the first overseas stop. Gubbay appears undaunted by the moderate houses at Wembley: for ten performances, Turandot sold 56,000 of its 80,000 tickets. He claims to have recouped the £2.5 million invested in the experiment.

Mersey mission

HAVING only recently made its first American appearance - playing Paul McCartney's Liverpool Oratorio in Carnegie Hall — the Royal Liver-pool Philharmonic will be back in the United States next month on an 11-city tour, under its Czech music director, Libor Pesek. The orchestra's mission is not purely musical. It is being sponsored to the tune of £150,000 by the Merseyside Development Corporation, with the overt intention of attracting Ameri-

can investment to Liverpool. Another British orchestra, the City of Birmingham Symphony, will be looking enviously at its northern rival. The CBSO announced last week that its planned American tour this spring was on the point of being abandoned, for lack of a sponsor.

Last chance . .

ENGLISH National Ballet's new production of The Nutcracker will have clocked up 55 performances in seven weeks when its London run ends at the Festival Hall (071-928 8800) on Saturday. This is ENB's seventh different staging of the ballet since 1950. The present one, by Ben Stevenson with designs by Desmond Heeley, will now be packed away until the

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Come back Jimmy, all is unforgiven

John Osborne was one of the first Angry Young Men. Benedict Nightingale finds that he, almost alone, has not mellowed

blimp.'

ax Stafford-Clark, speaking with the authority of 13 years as the Royal Court's director, recently expressed the opinion that dramatists have a pretty short working life. Shaw and Ayckbourn were the exceptions, he suggested: Congreve and Wilde nearer the norm. Nobody could look at the fluctuating fortunes of the writers who came to prom-inence in the 1950s and 1960s. many of them at the Court itself, without wondering if his fatalism was justified.

Most people know that Harold Pinter, the finest of them all, has written just three playlets in the last ten years, only one of which. Party Time, comes close to reconciling his latter-day radicalism with the

occult artistry of his earlier work. But what has become of Wesker, Nichols, Arden, Storey, and the others who created our theatrical renaissance? What of the founding father, the author of the seminal Look Back In Anger, John Osborne himseif? Has he been doing much more than fight for the freedom to puff Turkish cigarettes?

Yes, at long last he has. His sequel to Look Back in Anger, Dejavu, was actually due to open in Liverpool in November. Frustratingly, Osborne and Peter O'Toole, who was to perform the ageing Jimmy Porter, could not agree on cuts and the production was shelved. But Faber has now published the text and, long and cranky though it is, it left me for one longing to hear its sandblaster rhetoric come rasping over the What has happened to Jimmy

since we left him and his wife Alison whimsically comparing themselves to bears and squirrels back in 1956? For a teasing moment the answer seems to be. nothing. He and his chum Cliff slump over the Sunday papers while Alison irons, just as they did at the start of Look Back In Anger. But the attic flat is now the kitchen of a sprawling country house.

Jimmy, like Cliff, has greyed. Alison is his daughter by a second marriage which, like his first, has ended badly. Cliff has worked for the BBC, married a woman Jimmy thinks boringly house-proud, and sent his children to Bedales. The first Alison is now a chic actress who takes a "pack of nancy boys" to see her reading at "galas for Aids Concern", as Jimmy sneeringly

What he himself has done since the council closed his sweet stall is unclear. The champagne seems to flow freely in Schloss Porter, so perhaps he has made a killing out of being the anti-hero of Anger. Certainly, there are references ga-lore to his earlier incarnation. The white-tile university and the "white rhino", his mother-in-law, both resurface. Alison's

Tory brother Nigel, "the Platitude from Outer Space", has got himself a knighthood and a 'Jimmy was mistaken for son, also called Nia radical; gel, who has become an MEP, an updated, he acronym which, Jimmy suggests, stands for Most sounds like a Empty Person. He still feels there are scattershot "no brave causes left", or none braver than drinking the wine he calls Nica-

> raguan '89. One common objection to Osborne's plays was that they were little more than excuses for one character to air his prejudices. There is something almost exhilaratingly bloodyminded about the snooks that Déjàvu cocks at such critics. It has no plot at all. True, Jimmy echoes Anger by alienating the new Alison and sleeping with her friend, again called Helena. He also has an offstage son in trouble for vandalising a church. But the function of the supporting cast is to listen while Jimmy, aided by a

> surprisingly dyspeptic Cliff, dis-gorges verbal stomach acid. Perhaps that is what he has been doing since 1956. He spent the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s talking. talking, talking, and plans no sudden career change in the 1990s. How could be, when there is so much to mock? The list here includes wet vicars, trendy bishops,



Seminal: Jimmy Porter (Kenneth Haig) and Alison (Mary Ure) in John Osborne's Look Back in Anger at the Royal Court, 1956

education, pop concerts, "yool" culture, vegetarians, fashionable charities, feminists, gay crusaders, the smoke police, people called Charlene and Kevin, the Royal Court, arts subsidy, people "into personal growth", animal rights, Europe, sport, things ethnic, lager louts, the miners' strike, baby seals, one-parent families, and "progressives, futurologists and illiterates

The old Jimmy, railing as he did at the Establishment, was widely mistaken for a radical. The updated one sounds like a scattershot blimp. But actually both are frustrated individualists with strong anarchic tendencies. Let any sign anarchic tenderices. Let any sign of group complacency appear, indeed let two or three people agree about anything at all, and Jimmy's verbal dynamite is instantly out of his travelling bag. Naturally, this vexes others. Os-borne is harder on Jimmy than in

Anger, letting an Alison far tougher than her predecessor call him "mad and utterly horrible", "unloved", unlovable and unloving". Though he himself describes his anger as grief for lost decencies. "slow, gentle, not vindictive or full of spite", there is probably weight in her accusations. Some of Jimmy's everyday banter - his limericks about sodomite writers and anal dilation — is meant seriously to offend.

ut will we ever get a chance to be offended by Déjàvu? Though our theatre can boast of sadly few new dramatists, it can be ruthless to its older ones. The nation's children may still study Arnold Wesker's Roots, but impresarios resist his reshaping of The Mer-chant of Venice, Shylock, and his entertaining picture of paternalism in action, The Wedding Feast. He continues to write and is now in Chicago, supervising the produc-tion of his new Three Women Talking. He has not had a major London showing since Caritas at

the National Theatre in 1981. Peter Nichols, missing from London since Piece of My Mind in 1986, saw his About Turner: ("a Jekyll and Hyde story," he says, "rather bleak") scheduled for the National, then dropped. He is now trying to sell Ravishing, about a trek through the Himalayas, and not very hopefully composing yet another play. At the back of his mind may be the memory of John Arden, the author of Serjeant Muserge's Dance and Live Like Please grave's Dance and Live Like Pigs. who these days writes novels, not plays. But then Arden committed a kind of conscientious suicide some years ago, abandoning the large-minded drama everybody admired

people hated. Arden's example would seem to support Stafford-Clark's generalisation. Yet there is evidence to refute him. Didn't London recently see Simon Gray's excellent *Hidden* Laughter? Isn't Tom Stoppard. who has busied himself with film

for a narrow didacticism most

scripts since Hapgood in 1988. reported to be writing a new stage play? And what of David Storey, whose theatrical career seemed to have ended with Early Days in

He kept writing, always mentally fashioning his work for the theatre which had achieved such success with Home, The Contractor and Life Class. But under its present director, Stafford-Clark himself, the Court snubbed his advances. Then in 1989 his March on Russia burst into the National New the same theatre plans soon to present his Stages, with Alan Bates in the lead, and may follow it with a two-hander called Caring.

The moral is obvious: don't write off old troupers until they are under the sod. The final stage-direction of Dejavu calls for loud martial music to counter "audience dissent". Maybe we'll get the chance to boo the 60-year-old Jimmy Porter yet.

Déjavu is published by Faber (£4.99)

Cutting remarks and the concentrating power of fear

t a Christmas party Jocelyn Stevens was executioner's sword, a symbol of his past eight years as rector of the Royal College of Art and perhaps his next job. as chairman of English Heritage. He used it to bat away a hail of bread rolls that followed his speech of thanks.

"Next day I went to the English Heritage council meeting, where they were telling me how they liked to let their hair down at Christmas. 'Chucking bread rolls about, I suppose?' I said, 'Oh no, nothing as childish as that, they said." He thought of the sword. "You have to have a sense of fun."

His idea of fun for the last eight years has been to transform entirely the Royal College of Art, and he promises to

Jocelyn Stevens, about to take over as head of English Heritage, talks to Simon Tait

do the same to English Heritage when he becomes chairman on April 1. According to Stevens, English Heritage is highly inefficient, overstaffed and in the wrong place.

His appointment to succeed Lord Montagu was announced last August, and since then he has attended every monthly council meeting. "Up on the top floor I found a notice announcing my appointment, with giant red arrows pointing at it: 'The Piranha is coming!' Honest-

ly, with a reputation like that, half the job is done before I

Stevens thrives on the adrenalin of other people's fear. At his third meeting of the EH council he asked a question: What is the mis-sion? "They all looked very puzzled and wanted to know what I meant. I said it was simple: was the mission to save buildings or to keep giving themselves healthy pay rises and living in pleasant. accommodation? It confused them so much I had to promise not to ask the question again until April 1."

He hates bureaucracy and waste, both of which he believes English Heritage is guilty of. "There is a civil service attitude which is about looking after one's own position, and that has to go."

English Heritage itself will have to go too, out of London. There are 1,700 members of staff occupying hugely expensive offices in the West End, about as costly as you can get. They need to be out, where the heritage is, around the

"The image is a very forbidding one, and English Heritage has to be accessible. reaching out, looking as if it really cares about the heritage and protecting it. Instead it's got a reputation for blocking things," he says. "Even the head office is called Fortress House and the logo, that crenellated square, is hopeless."

Between April 1 and July 31 Stevens's jobs will overlap, and he will use the RCA to declare some of his intentions for the other. "There's going to be an exhibition called England in Aspic which will ask a question: 'Is this country one big heritage centre in which all progress should stop?" "

He has even annoyed some by remarking in council that the fight to save the building on Number One Poultry, the Mappin and Webb site in the City of London, was wrong and that the Mies van der Rohe building Lord Palumbo originally wanted to build on it might have been a worthy replacement for an "undistinguished" Victorian building. The protectionist lobby, he believes, is too powerful and English Heritage has not been bold enough to stand up

When Stevens became rec-



Jocelyn Stevens: "With a reputation like mine. half the job is done before I get there."

tor of the RCA in 1984 he had a letter from the minister for higher education telling him that unless drastic changes were made, the college might be closed. He made

The college is now nearly all on one site, with a new £12 million development called the Stevens Building: sponsorship has risen to such an extent that 25 per cent of income is now non-government; fees have been raised to nearer actual cost level; last year academic staff rose by 8.6 per cent. student applications for this academic year were up 27 per cent and applications from Europe rose 78 per cent. Stevens likes to call the RCA the European University of Art and Design.

His legacy to his still unnamed successor is to leave the Royal College of Art with none of the accommodation problems which beset it in the past. But from next academic year the college will have to fight alongside the universities for its government grant from the higher education funding council, instead of receiving a direct grant from the education department.

"As to the staff, I wouldn't swap any of them," he says. I reminded him that he had already swapped most of them several times, "I them several times. wouldn't swap them again, then," he replies.
English Heritage's staff

can look forward to similar pruning. "Marcus Binney wrote that one of my tasks would be to stop the best people leaving, and I'm afraid it might be too late. More a question of getting them back. English Heritage is hugely inefficient. What it needs is fewer, better people who care about the heritage."

RNATIONAL MIME FESTIVAL

Some of the right moves

dozen years ago the art of mime meant, to most British theatregoers, one person only: Marcel Marceau. And one style only: silent, white-faced, trapped within the narrow range of emotions between panic and pathos. For Bip, Marceau's most famous creation, entrapment was the mode of life. Invisible walls closed in upon him; a smiling mask stuck to his face and could not be torn off. The smile was his own, of

tween his writhing limbs and the persistent grin sug-gested, well, what exactly? The pain of fitting in with the world, perhaps. Bip always had trouble with the world. The sight of a red flower might bring a moment's cheer but no happiness would outlast the moment. Marceau was an artist of outstanding physical pre-cision but his art took mime

course, and the contrast be-

into a cul de sac, a biack and white world of primary but limited expressio Look around at the style of the participants in the London International Mime Festival, now in its 15th year. They talk, they sing, they dance, they clown, there are acrobats, jugglers, conjurers. They will almost certainly all be expert in twisting their bodies into most peculiar shapes, and showing emo-

tion with the roll of an eye or

a twitch of the nose. But has the range of these emotions fundamentally altered? Superficially, yes. Today's mimes inhabit the world of today, where people chafe at office work, rage at their spouses, set off on holidays, cook each other meals, plot revenge, are sexually abused, love, daydream and die. All human life would seem to be there, in one or other of the score of companies and solo performers currently display-

Jeremy Kingston looks at the ways in which mime has expanded its scope and asks whether more is possible

ing their skills. More inter-action takes place than in the performances by Marceau, who did make use of assistants but never equals. For its pictures of the hazards in modern society Théâtre de Complicité can call on the 30 or more players who have at various times appeared under its banner. Glee is an emotion nowadays to be seen - though invariably, if memory serves, it disintegrates into mayhem and panic,

istorically, dumb-show was not the essential fact of nime, and the re-introduction of speech could have made possible subtler nu-ances of feeling. Life is not only black and white but complicated combinations of all the colours in between, and it is those complications of human response, the troublesome ambivalence, that speaking mime seldom

Take Ave Maria, the solo show by Linda Kerr Scott at the ICA Theatre. An excellent

actress, unforgettably poignant yet perky as the Dummy in Ghetto, agile and adroit, she here portrays a disappointed spinster who is trapped (inevitably) in a tenement room, and trapped within her narrow range of

fantasies.

Perched six feet off the ground at a sewing table, she is tying socks, cardies and other ciothes, but also cereal packets, beer cans and a teastrainer, to an enormous cloth that sweeps down to the ground like a coronation robe worn back to front. "It's a multi-purpose blanket for the world, are her first words. She shuffles about the place in her fake giraffe-head slippers, skitters into the audience to represent a visit to church, addresses the Virgin and mourns, as she puts

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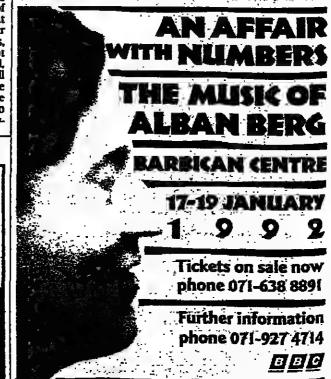
never put to.

Too scared of hell to have risked enjoyment, she lets out her seething rage on an upturned chair which she stahs to death. Yes, she looks unhappy and, yes, she sounds distressed and, yes, her performance was hailed at the Edinburgh Festival.

But not only are her predicaments the familiar ones of the harassed misfit but their expression is superficial, uninvolving and some how incomplete. As spoken mime approaches the prov-ince of drama, physical agil-ity must obtain dramatic



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Correct answer: Ceausescu

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(see above). He escaped death and now acts in Iraqi tele-vision commercials for an

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BOCI: Quite a few of the

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finally got out of hand one night when one declared "Kings high", and Marry

there too? And the CIA?



Truth or dare, from left: did Maxwell jump: Hess act alone; Wilson spy for the Soviets, Cenusescu escape death; and who slept with Marilyn Monroe?

Thickening the plots

times for conspiracy theorists. Sometimes you sit, quietly worry ing that perhaps the world's conspiracy theorists are losing their grip on reality, when something comes along to show you that, actually, they are going clean round the started a new life in Brazil, doing "home visit" haircuts,

The death of Robert Maxwell, the collapse of the drug money laundering Bank Of Credit and Commerce International, the spooky way you feel faint if you do your ne up very, very tightly and then hold your breath - every. thing nowadays is food for hysterical plot-fanciers. Paranoia is everywhere. It will-spread when JFK, Oliver Stone's new film on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, arrives in

Britain next week. Stone has pointed his finger at a new suspect. His premise seems to be that just about everyone remembers what they were doing when Kennedy was shot, because just about everyone was involved in the plot. The events of November 22, 1963, have a simple explanation. But before we reveal what really happened, let us unravel some other great mysteries.

Robert Maxwell: After Maxwell fell from his yacht on November 5, some said hetook his life, knowing that the Serious Fraud Office and debt-collectors from the Swiss Bank Corp were on to him.

Or was he knocked off by secret agents from Mossad. the KGB, MIS, the Stasif Did he take heart attack simulation pills to trick life insurers into paying up for his suicide? A Spanish judge chose natural causes. An autopsy in Israel found signs that he was attacked, Paris Match magazine reports Correct answer: Maxwell

Who killed Kennedy? Was Wilson a spy? Maxwell: a fall or a push? Joe Joseph reports on plots and paranoia

faked his own big splash. The Harold Wilson Smear: using a double. He has since A Soviet soy? Was 10 perms and tints for busy Rio socialites. He likes to boast to clients that he used to trim Henry Kissinger's sideburus.

The Soviet Coup: Was Mikhail Gorbachev the force behind August's coup against himself? Did Gorbachev plot with the hardliners in the hope of rescuing the union? Did he fool the plotters into thinking that he was one of them, but with the secret aim of flushing out his real

Correct answer: Gorbachev did indeed join the plot to thought it was the Credit Union in which party higwigs kept their savings. The union was run by Robert Maxwell, and word was out that the cash was at risk. He had gone to Crimea to get his paying in book when all hell broke loose back in Moscow.

Rudoiph Hese: Was there a doppedganger? Why, in 1941, did Hess, Hitler's deputy and confidant, fly to Scotland—and into a life of captivity? Did Hitler know? Was Hess's purpose, as the Russians suspetted, to propose an attack on Russia? Why was a prison requiring a staff of 105 need-ed to guard him?

Correct answer: Hess was simiggled out from Spandau to New Jersey in 1953 and worked as a short-order cook in a Transon hamburger bar. He became famous for always. forgotting to put chocolate-sprinkles on the ice cream sundaes. "Where are the sprinkles, Rudir became his

A Soviet spy? Was 10 Downing Street a communist ceil? The material was piled high. By MI5? He visited Moscow, for heaven's sake. Was Hugh Gaitskell mur-

dered in 1963 by the KGB to make way for Wilson? Peter Wright, a former M15 officer, confessed that he had filed false evidence to substantiate anti-Wilson smears. Colin



remembers what they were doing: plotting to kill Kennedy

officer, claimed to know of an M15 operation that also tried to rock the government. But in 1987 Margaret Thatcher said an M15 enquiry had found no evidence of an anti-Wilson conspiracy.

Correct answer: Yes, . Wilson was an agent though he never made dead-letter drops. Instead, he sent messages to Moscow by smoke signals from his pipe when inter-viewed on the BBC Nine

dose. King had never unmasked anyone and was useless at cards, but the bank

roe just before she died? Really, it was like this. William Roemer, a former FBI agent, says wiretap evidence suggests that in the week before she died Monroe had sex simultaneously with Frank Sinatra and Sam Giancana, the mafia boss. Rubbish, says Sinatra's public relations agent. So who didn't sleep with Monroe just before she died? And how did she find the time to take an

Correct answer: Boo-boo-

So Who Did Kill Kennedy? A ione lunatic? The FBI? Mafia hoodinms? A survey found that 56 per cent suspected some sort of conspiracy. Only 19 per cent agreed with the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Os-wald acted alone. A Washing-Everyone thinks big in America, but Stone thinks bigger than most. He blames everybody: the FBI, the CIA, the army, the media, the navy, anti-Castro Cubans, the military-industrial complex, and the hawks in Kennedy's own government, apparently angry because Kennedy was about to withdraw all Americans from Vietnam. Correct answer. John Kennedy never died. It was all just a bad dream Bobby had in the MINISTER. IFK, opens on January 24.



All the president's men? Government hawks were suspected of wanting to kill Kennedy

Auntie takes on the agony

of the RBC's new purge on racism and sexions has a novel approach to the vexing business of finding a meaningful definition of sexual barassment: she does not try.

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Why do we need to?" she asks, coolly "People actually have a very clear idea of what they mean by it. We can all list examples. It's only around the periphery that definitions blue. The core of the

problem we all agree." Well aware that what one woman may take as a compliment can be insulting to another, and of the voyeuristic interest that the subject arouses, Mrs Salmon is perhaps wise to take refuge in generalties. For the one student who had her bottom pinched by George Moore, and said she felt "rather honoured that my behind should have drawn the attention of the great master of English prose's there were probably a dozen others who would have reported him to the senate. "I am talking about any sort of behaviour — sexual or racially driven or

religious harassment — that is un-

religious harassment — that is unacceptable to the person on the receiving end," Mrs Salmonexplains.

Her manifesto goes further. As the
head of personnel at the BBC, she has
supplied all 25,000 employees with a
booklet telling them how to make
complaints and urging them to report
anything from blue jokes to demands
for cornel fagures it says: "Non-verbal for sexual favours. It says: "Non-verbal conduct such as the display of certain pictures, pin-ups or written material can also make people feel uncomfortable, can cause offence and can be been added as a form of harmsement." regarded as a form of harassment."

Mrs Salmon is, apparently, quite unusual in her approach. A recent survey, conducted by the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology among 110 British organisations, reports that 88 per cent of personnel directors had not issued a policy statement on management's atti-

tude to sexual harassment. How big, one wonders, is the problem

Why the BBC's staff need a booklet on unacceptable behaviour



Almost evangelical: Margaret Salmon

within the BBC, where women make up 42 per cent of the workforce? Here, Mrs Salmon, becomes almost evangelical. 'It doesn't matter how big it is. It exists. It is the perception of the individual which is important. Obviously, we've got quite a lot of anecdotal informa-tion." But not the sort of anecdotes she

wishes to discuss publicly.

She is patient about the overriding interest in her campaign against sexual impropriety at work, which forms just a small proportion of her work in the field of equal opportunities. She took up the job ten months ago - a position that made her the first woman member of the BBC's main board.

But the campaign was long overdine. The unions claim the BBC had ignored the issue of sexual harassment for years. "We could only take complaints so far," Christina Driver, the industrial

officer specialising in equal opportu-nities, says, "because usually the ha-rasser would be a senior person and there was no protection against victimisation. So although we knew there was a problem — the same names would keep coming up — the management was able to deny it because there

were no formal complaints."

One producer, she says, made passes at a woman who from him out. His response was to complain that she was incompetent and lacking in team sprit. "Under the new code it will be possible to fire a warning shot across the bows of a man who is being offensive."

Mrs Salmon, aged 44, says she is jucky never to have been a victim of terminal the manufacture."

sexual harassment. "Maybe I've just been fortunate in the organisations I've worked with [W.H. Smith, Debenhams, Burtons]. In the retail trade they were

Burtons]. In the retail trade they were used to employing women."

She was less fortunate in her husband's choice of timing last week. No sooner had she launched her campaign than he was quoted as saying that he thought rigid, highly-publicised complaints procedures unnecessary and possibly detrimental to happy office life. Michael Salmon, aged 46, a management consultant, said: "If someone has done a good job I might want to give them a kiss to show appreciation. That could be interpreted as harassment."

His wife purported to be unfazed.

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His wife purported to be unfazed.
"What he said goes to the heart of the debate. It is a perfectly legitimate point of view and I have had many people express it. Where I disagree is on the extent of the problem. Maybe it isn't a big problem in the organisations he is familiar with, but I don't care how big or small the problem is. I know it exists

and has to be taken seriously."
Was she discomfitted by her hasband's attitude? Not at all. "But perhaps he will be more guarded in future."

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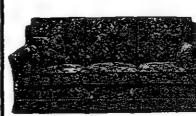
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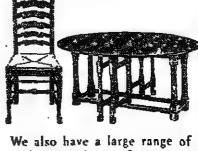
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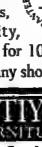
Exit, Liz

ONE of the most glamorous last duties in Britain of Liz Tilberis, the outgoing Vogue editor, before she takes up her

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editorship of Harper's Ba-zaar in America, will be to cochair the royal gala of the film The Prince of Tides, which will take place in the presence of the Princess of Wales on Tuesday, February 18, for the benefit of the Aids Crisis Trust. Admission to the premiere is a mere £5 - but the "suggested donation" will bring that to a minimum of £25, and up to £135 for the best seats, from which, presumably, the princess may be scen. Tickets will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Ticket application forms may be obtained from: Aids Crisis Trust, 38 Ebany Street, London SW1 WOLU. telephone 071-730 0103.

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devoting time to attending and

preparing for their meetings.

Both the Commons and the

executive have benefited from this

detailed and painstaking work.

Members of the committees have

been able to subject long-term

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and rational inquisition which would be out of the question in the

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only function of the committees, and was never intended to be.

When I introduced the select

committee system, I certainly

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would from time to time tackle

immediate issues in the news and

give swift but responsible reac-

Yet long-term work is not the

Classical culture

Richard Morrison

on common sense in the arts curriculum

or the moment at least, school music teachers have been saved from the prospect of giving lessons about reggae, ragas and Rigoletto in quick succession, or possibly simultaneously. Art teachers will not need to brush up on "Aboriginal dream maps". After a year of worry and wrangling about how music and art are taught in state schools, the National Curriculum Council took a step towards sanity this week. It reasserted the primacy of the Western cultural heritage in the British school curriculum, and so overturned the views of the educational "expens" on its

own music and art working groups.

Last year, these experts fudged the decision of what children should study, in favour of a wimpish series of "anything access" or store (Michael Lackson) thing goes" options (Michael Jackson, for instance, might be as "valid" a subject as Beethoven), coupled to a tired old "self-expression" educational philosophy. Musical literacy, the key to nearly all performance and understanding, would no longer rigorously be taught; children would magically "discover" literacy through their own compositions.

Now the council has administered some old-fashioned thwacks across the experts' knuckles. The art working party, it says, paid too little attention to Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and other Western artists believed to be of merit. Similarly, the music working party undersold the vast heritage of European classical music, following the

false premise that if you offer pop and pap, children might follow. In short, the council's conclusions reinforce the feeling that, to some extent, the working groups were hijacked by the race-relations and equal-opportunities lobbles. Fashionable, "politically cor-red" views were preferred to proven educational methods. Educationists put Polynesian nose-flute music on a par with J.S. Bach, even if they did not know the first thing about Polynesian music.

Predictably, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers decries the council's stance as "over the top": the council has not considered that "hundreds of thousands of our schoolchildren are not of European descent". But why should that matter? Teaching is about opening doors to new knowledge, not reinforcing ghetto mentalities. The British cannot go on forever carrying the old burden of colonial guilt about "imposing" European culture on the substantial of the s the world. Children should be taught in the tradition teachers best understand.

thers have been horrified by the targets set for different agegroups: seven-year-olds, for inare expected to "listen to and talk"

Leader has only a share in New
Hampshire's king-making. It is
rivalled by Manchester's stateabout" Tchaikovsky and Mozart, and "respond to" Henry Moore and Leonardo da Vinci (Jackson Poliock, thank goodness, is reserved for teenagers). If you went out into the street, the doubters ask, how many adults would you find who could respond cogently to a Moore sculpture or a Stravinsky concerto? This, however, is precisely the point. Millions are effectively cut off from appreciating classical music or great painting and sculpture because they have not been shown how to enjoy the arts at school, and so feel inadequate to meet their challenges. Consequently, the serious arts are regarded as élitist, and considered too "divisive" to be taught. And so the victous circle of exclusion continues.

The great heritage of Western culture is a treasure-chest that each generation discovers anew. Why do educationists conspire to hide the key from our children? We are turning out school-leavers who are philistine through no fault of their own. The curriculum moment too soon.

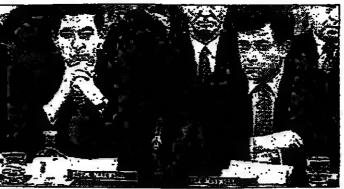
The Maxwell brothers have blatantly defied Parliament's authority, argues Lord St John of Fawsley

There is no right to silence tended the role of the Commons from the mechanical task of considering legislation to the exercising of real influence on the policies lying behind the statutes. This influence has been felt throughout Whitehall, and tions to them from a non-party. parliamentary point of view. In like other constitutional checks, it

doing this, the committees are not sensationalising themselves, nor looking for publicity; they are exercising Parliament's inform-ing function in an effective way, so as to concentrate the mind of the nation swiftly on issues of contemporary importance.

The decision of the Social Security Committee to investigate the Maxwell affair fits precisely within this principle. The pension rights of many hundreds of people are directly involved. Indirectly involved are millions of other people who until now have had unshaken confidence in the security of their private pension arrangments. If the committee had not investigated the matter, it might justifiably have been

ccused of a dereliction of duty. The right of Members of Parliament to investigate matters of public concern is unlimited under our constitution. It is equal in range and scope to their right of



Silent testimony: Kevin (left) and Ian Maxwell on Monday

freedom of speech, and both rights exist not for the gratification of egos, but to protect the liberties and rights of British subjects. As part of Parliament, select committees are equally unfettered and are subject only to such limitations as the Speaker interpreting the conventions of the House may judge it right

So in refusing to answer questions about their activities, the Maxwell brothers are directly challenging the status and authority of Parliament. They have been charged with no criminal offence and cannot therefore claim the benefit of the sub iudice rule

If they felt that interrogation by the committee would be unfair, matter in a quite different way. They could have asked the select committee to exclude the television cameras; they could have requested the exclusion of members of the press; they could have asked for part of their evidence to be kept out of the report - and have thus avoided thwarting the committee's authority.

What then can the committee do to enforce its will? Once again the constitutional principle is clear. A select committee has never had any power to enforce a sanction such as imprisonment or other penalty. That belongs to the House of Commons as a whole. The chairman of the select committee can now go to the floor of the House and put it to the Speaker that in the opinion of the committee a contempt of the House has been committed. The Speaker will then consider the matter, and if he decides there is a prima facie case that suchan offence may have been

committed, he must give any motion put down by the chair-man priority over all other business. The Whips offices have nothing to do with this it is a matter for Parliament as a

A motion might take the form of a declaration that a contempt of the House had been committed or that the matter should be referred to the committee of privileges. Alternatively the Speaker might refer the matter straight away to the committee, with a request that a reply be made within a limited period

That is the constitutional position, but what should Frank Field and his committee actually do? In my opinion they must without delay raise the matter on the floor of the House. They must demand that Parliament assert its right to question any citizen in the land from the greatest to the smallest. If they fail to do so, they will be delivering a body-blow not only to the select committee system but to parliamentary government itself.

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First hurdle for the presidency

George Bush's toughest opponents in New Hampshire will not be his rival candidates, says Peter Stothard

resident Bush will today tread cautiously into the lair of Mrs Nackey Loeb, the wheelchair-bound widow who owns New Hampshire's only state-wide newspaper. Since 1952, no one has become president without first winning the New Hampshire primary, and next month's result will be especially critical for him.

In the past few weeks, The Manchester Union Leader has dubbed Mr Bush dumb, a betrayer and the great pretender to conservative values, while strongy backing Patrick Buchanan, his Republican challenger. Mr Buchanan's support has now risen to 30 per cent among Republican voters in the state, only 16 points behind the president.

The power — in many cases amounting to monopoly — of the regional press in a country with-out a national press should not be underestimated, although the Leader has only a share in New wide television station, WMUR, which practises a studied neutrality owing more to Lord Reith than William Loeb. Television advertisements are growing in importance, even in a state where voters take personal contact with potential presidents for granted. Mrs Loeb's most recent on-

slaught on the president is considered here as less severe than some earlier attacks. In 1980, for example, the Union Leader described Mr Bush as a "spoonfed little rich kid". And that was kinder than "dopey Dwight" Eisenhower, "Jerry the Jerk" Ford, Nelson "Rocky the wife swapper" Rockefeller, or Henry Kissinger "the Kike". But, as local primary-watchers point out, the election is still a month away, and Mr Bush has yet to arrive.
In the president's modest New Hampshire headquarters - a vacant downtown shop between

the Salty Dog bar and Kim's

Acupressure "Relief from Pain" Body Balance - workers are philosophical about the eranity of the paper that most voters here read. You can win if the Leader is against you; you can win if it is for you; but you can't win if it ignores you," says Mrs Gerry Porter, who wears her watch like a charm against evil spirits. "I'm afraid that Mrs Loeb is solemnly

nent," Mrs Porter continues, with characteristic New England under-While gently trashing Mr Bush (on Monday, Mrs Loeb called his Japan trip "a lemon"), the *Union*Leader has been vigorously
promoting Mr Buchanan, whose speechwriting and policy-

editorials it once used to print. Indeed without the backing of The Manchester Union Leader, Mr Buchanan would probably still be working as a journalist. Mrs Loeb sees the long-shot challenger as just the sort of courageous, gentlemanly, antitax, anti-abortion, anti-Japanese president the country needs. Flattering colour photographs of Mr Buchanan have dominated the

front pages; he was even there on

the day that the paper's dearest

wish in its 129-year history came to pass and the Soviet Union died. Mr Bush, by contrast, is caricatured, with his face obliterated on television like the victim in the Kennedy rape trial: "Maybe I was a little reckless, maybe I should have been more conservative, but that's no excuse: Patrick Buchanan assaulted me," the president is depicted as saying.



New Hampshire is an oldfashioned state, seemingly becoming more so by the day. Four geonly and quaint. rears ago, when its backing for a 'read my lips: no new taxes' message propelled Mr Bush on his journey to the White House,

a nouvelle Hampshire of hi-tech, low-tax dreams, in which the Union Leader's backing of another, conservative outsider, Pete Du Pont, seemed curmud-

The newspaper (motto: "There is nothing so powerful as truth") was then still housed in its old redbrick colonial, city-centre offices,

husband was. A loved and revered figure to many, she can plan her campaign against the president from a castle of which any giant-killer could be proud.

New Hampshire, which has lost much in the past five years, clings all the more renaciously to its self-legislated right to hold the nation's first primary and so provide the all-important momenture, the appearance of doing better than expected, which can push a candidate to ultimate success. Originally the primary was early so that farmers could you at their annual town meetings before the thaw made the roads impassable; by now it has become a source of enormous national power. This year, with the earlier Iowa caucuses made almost irrelevant by the inevitable victory of local senator Tom Harkin its influence is all the

eorge Bush will be all too aware that New Hampshire can launch unknowns into sudden standom and hurt the over-confident. The careers of Eugene McCarthy in 1968, Gary Flart in 1984 were made even though he did not officially fight the 1968 primary, and Edmund Muskie, who famously wept in front of the Union Leader building after 420 column inches of attacks from William Loeb in 1972, died here. That is why there is a "Bush blitz", for which volunteers have been asked to sign their names, and it is why

the president is here today.

Mr Bush has always been afraid of his right wing. As vicepresident, in December 1985, he tried to appease the Union Leader by speaking at a Washington dinner in posthumous praise of William Loeb, his tormentor. Patrick Buchanan, who was in the audience that night, was one of the first people invited to dinner at the White House when Mr Bush became president Whatever happens before February 18, neither Mrs Loeb nor Mr Buchanan is likely soon to re-pay the favour.

...and moreover

lke most of you, I can remember when you could go to Surinam of a Saturday night, have a slap-up fish dinner for two, see a film, get your hair cut, buy a cigar, and still have change out of vijf en twintig gulden.

No longer. The vijf en twintig gulden note is now worthless. Indeed, its very valuelessness has passed into folkloric derision: pause at any skipping-rope in the playgrounds of Paramariba, and you will hear even the tiniest children chanting, "Viji en baked in a pie!" "Vijf en twintig gulden

Things are as bad in Mozambique. Until quite recently, if you flashed a cem escudo note in a Maputo department store, assistants would flock. Stick a cemmie on the counter, and you could walk out with an entire spring outfit, plus matching titfer. They would probably chuck in a pair of designer espadrilles. Not today, though. If you tried it today, they would put an arm-lock on you and call the bogies.

I have one such note before me as I write. But despite the fact that it has D Administrador written on it as well as D Governador, the signatures of these two pillars of Mozam-biquan probity are now, I fear, quite meaningless. What it ought to have written on it is D Tempora and D Mores, because the only way you can get this 100-escudo note these days is by pulling it off the page of The Sunday Times with which it was, last weekend, distributed free. Just as Surinam's vijf en twintig gulden item came gummed bukshee, next day, to *The Times*. Quite why our two greatest newspapers should have decid-

ed to do this I am not prepared to discuss, since it is generally unwise to put Mr Murdoch's should not wish to find myself facing a golden handshake consisting of banknotes issued by the Confederate States of America. It may be that my employer, in this election year, is offering some sly subtextual advice to Norman Lamont, it may be that one of his acolytes
— currently spreadeagled in the Gobi - recently sold some Murdoch company to a seafaring man with one leg who hopped into his office with a big tin cashbox and Rupert is now making the most of a bad job by promotional redistribution, it may even be that, as far as the MGN pension fund is concerned, we still don't know the half of it, but whatever the reason, a vast amount of fiduciary iffiness has this week been unloaded,

willy-nilly, on to you, me, and countless other top people. Now, in the normal course of events, a lot of stuff falls out of our newspapers — offers of hand-hewn Bavarian chimingclocks, of mobile-home insurance, of titchy silver Bugattis, of cut-price windsurfing weekends, of AA porcelain rodents, of handsome socket-sets, of rotten old bestsellers by the clubload — and all such glossy blandishments may cheerly be binned without a second thought, unless it be for the ozone layer directly above the

council incinerator. But I am unable to do that with money. Throwing money away is like throwing money away. Put it down to anal retentiveness, or to the endemic insecurity of hackery, or to a deprived childhood — when I was a kid, we were so poor we couldn't even afford jokes about how poor we were; every day I had to walk ten miles to school without a hot wisecrack - but the cause is immaterial compared with the effect.
There is just something about

taking a mint crisp, 100-escudo note, holding its delicate tracery against the light to check the watermark, and then crumpling it up and bunging into Sunday's embers. Why I was able to do that with the expensive newspaper which bore it but not with the worthless thing it bore, who can say? Fiscal totemism is an So that night I put the cem es-

cudos carefully in a desk drawer, and on Monday I laid the vijf en twintig carefully alongside it. not because I hoped that time's whirligig might reinstate them and allow me to nip down to Mozambique and Surinam and begin chucking the stuff about like a drunken sailor, but because there was no alternative. Nor any escape. Next Sunday,

see, I am to receive no fewer than milintis, news which will stagger Peruvian exiles unalert to currency's whims. Back in the days when an inti was an inti, that was real money.

Gathering storm

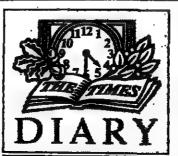
CHURCHILL'S former bodyguard has hit out furiously at the BBC's four-part documentary life which begins tonight. In the final episode of the series, Wendy Reves. the so-called "champagne sex kitten" talks about her relationship with the statesman to whom, she has claimed, she "never said no". Mrs Reves is "cashing in on Sir

the economy was booming. It was

Winston", says Edmund Murray, who guarded Churchill from 1950 until his death in 1965. "Mrs Reves is distorting the truth. She is making Sir Winston into some sort of pimp." Murray always accompanied

Churchill to La Pausa in the south of France during the three year period when Sir Winston stayed with the Texan ex-model and her lover, the Hungarian financier and millionaire, Emery Reves. Even at the time, Sergeant Murray was called upon by the family to deny gossiping reports in the press. Now he has come to the family's defence once more. Murray says: "Mrs Reves makes innuendos about a sexual relationship. I know that is not true. Sir Winston was an old man." Murray is also upset by Mrs Reves dismissal of Lady Churchill as "cold" and her description of the Churchills' relationship as no more than "a myth of a marriage". He also denies that Lady Churchill was a frequent guest of the Reves. She only stayed twice and that was when Sir Winston caught 'flu in that cold, souliess house."

Martin Gilbert, author of the series Churchill: A Life, is keen to stress that the BBC is not simply throwing dirt. "It's a rather moving episode about Churchill enjoying the company of a woman he described as 'young, beautiful and kind". Is that salacious?"



 Politicians are used to being doorstepped by journalists, but the roles were reversed yesterday. As journalists emerged from the department of health in Whitehall after hearing William Wal-degrave wax lyrical about the success of the government's health service reforms, there was Robin Cook on the pavement, buttonholing anyone who would listen with instant reaction.

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THE hard-pressed home secretary. Kenneth Baker, could do without any further discomfort at the moment, but he may live to regret agreeing to address the European conference of policewomen, at Bramshill in March. No doubt the female guardians of law and order will listen politely to what Baker has to say. But Euro-policewomen will be far more interested in the woman who has become the Home Office's biggest embarrassment: Alison Halford, the assistant chief constable of Merseyside, now suspended for a second time and who is alleging sex discrimination in being overlooked for promotion.

Halford has become the cause celèbre of the European Network of Policewomen, which is organising the conference at the police staff college. Two workshops entitled "Going to Law" have been arranged to advise other delegates how to sue their bosses in similar discrimination cases. With many of those bosses present, including the home secretary and an army of British chief constables, i lalford herself is also expected to make an appearance, and is guaranteed a

hard in New Hampshire, and its

welfare rolls are rising faster than

those of any other part of the country. The Union Leader, how-

ever, unlike much New Hamp-

shire business which has

probably gone for good, has

moved to spectacular new offices

on the city's edge. Among the

elegantly framed photographs is

one of Mrs. Loeb discussing

affairs of state with Ronald

Reagan, her wheelchair decked

with the stars and stripes. Busi-

ness is not exactly booming, but political confidence is high. Mrs

British enigma

ALMOST universally accused of hypocrisy for presenting Labour's "Buy British" party political-broadcast last week, David Puttnam can at least claim that he practises what he preaches. He has teamed up with Bill Forsyth to rescue an ambitious British film project. His intervention is timely. After failing for two years to find



the finance for Being Human, his first film script since 1984, Forsyth, creator of Gregory's Girl and Local Hero, was on the verge of abandoning the project. Puttnam's company. Enigma Flims, has now put up the money, and Puttham himself will produce. He is, not, however, taking his "Buy British" message 100 far. American actor Robin Williams has been signed for the leading part.

• Dennis Skinner will be absent from next week's "Desert Island Discs" 50th birthday party. Every-one still living who has ever appeared on the programme was invited, but Skinner has declined, declaring: "I don't believe in or-ganised happiness." Nevertheless he has happy memories of his ap-pearance. One of the eight discs Skinner requested was a record made in honour of Arthur Scar-gill, the first line of which ran: "It was in 1984 when the s*** hit the fan". Strangely the usually com-prehensive BBC record library claimed not to have the recording. Undeterred Skinner arrived in the studio bearing his own copy.

Menu of reforms

DUNCAN NICHOL, chief executive of the NHS, recently returned to his old stamping ground in Bradford as the guest of honour at an old boys' dinner. But any illusions Nichol may have had about how his old school wished to honour one of its more famous sons were swiftly dispelled when he picked up the menu. There

the back, to his astonishment, was printed a five-verse poem written by Ken Harwood, head of English at Bradford Grammar. satirising the government's NHS reforms, which Nichol has spear-

The last verse gives the flavour-Meanwhile the NHS lies sick. Victim of party politics.
Let's operate before it's dead:
Let William Waldegrave survive. Upon a nurse's pay, and give !... His chief executive the wealth To find for every case a bed And bring the patient back to health.

The poet has no second thoughts. "I don't know what the fuss is about. This was just a satire. My verse complimented Mr Nichol." Spare us the schoolmaster's scom when he is being critical.

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BUSH'S DOMESTIC TROUBLE

George Bush is still well-placed to be re-elected American president in November, but it is no longer a certainty. Not before time, he starts campaigning today in New Hampshire, the site of the first primary in five weeks' time. For the past few months he has been mired in a political swamp, sucked down by mishap at every step.

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His visit to Japan, designed to create "jobs, jobs, jobs' for Americans, was a public relations disaster. It was not just the personal. humiliation of his collapse at last Wednesday's official banquet - though, at 67, he cannot afford too many other questions about his health and stamina. He has also faced widespread criticism at home.

Protectionists complain he has failed to win any significant concessions from the Japanese while free-traders accuse him of special pleading on behalf of inefficient American motor companies. Even the anniversary this week of the start of the Gulf war has been less a celebration of military triumph than a reminder of the ambiguous nature of that victory while President Saddam Hussein is still in power.

A new Gallup survey for USA Today and CNN shows that Mr Bush's approval rating. as president has fallen from a peak of 89 per cent just after the end of the war to 46 per cent. The proportion favouring Mr Bush against an unnamed Democratic challenger has dropped from 53 to 40 per cent last November to just 47 to 45 per cent now.

Mr Bush still receives high ratings for his handling of foreign affairs, but voters are less impressed and less interested. Following the end of the Cold War and the disappearance of the Soviet Union, the American public has begun to turn invards. It is still a gross exaggeration to talk about a revival of isolationism, but the slogan of "America." First - proclaimed both by some conservative Republicans and by liberal Democrats - has a growing appeal with the economy.

apparently stuck in recession Mr Bush has appeared out of touch with these concerns, more than two-thirds of longer than this year's campaign.

voters believing he should spend more time on domestic issues. The president needs to present a domestic strategy offering the hope of sustained growth. The Federal Reserve Board has cut interest rates sharply, and Mr Bush's advisers are preparing a package of tax cuts and investment incentives for his State of the Union message on January 28. Further cuts in defence spending are being planned to produce a peace dividend from the end of the Cold War that can be seen to be of benefit to ordinary Americans.

Unlike John Major's tight timetable in Britain, Mr Bush still has plenty of time for recovery to be established. Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, talked last Friday of the American economy being stalled rather than in a second leg of recession. So consumer, and voter, confidence could be recovering by the end of the summer.

'Nor should Mr Bush's resilience be underrated. As his communications director said this week: "George Bush has been declared dead more times than Elvis Presley." Twice during the 1988 election his campaign appeared to be in serious trouble and twice he recovered strongly. This time Mr Bush is assured of the Republican nomination, even though Pat Buchanan, his challenger from the nationalist right, could do embarrassingly well in the strongly conservative state of New Hampshire. On the Democratic side, Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas and Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa are ahead of the pack (now down to five) but neither has shown a nationwide appeal.

There is no reason yet why Mr Bush should not bounce back; Ronald Reagan only had a slightly higher approval rating at this stage of the 1984 campaign. But a good showing by Mr Buchanan next month could produce a shift in Mr. Bush's approach towards economic nationalism, to appease the demands for protection coming from both ends of the political spectrum. Mr Bush's current political difficulties may have costs for the rest of the world which last much

BUTTRESS TO THE LAW

In his Theory of Moral Sentiments, Adam Smith said that justice "is the main pillar which holds up the entire edifice". The Adam Smith Institute highlights this quotation in the introduction to its report today in praise of the latest legal vogue, called alternative dispute resolution. But its enthusiasm for "ADR" (as legal jargon has it) rests less uponthe Scottish high-mindedness of its mentor than upon ADR's impercable free-market credentials. Human ingenity, bred of profit motive out of human need, is spontaneously filling a gap that the state system of justice had neglected. The ghost of Adam Smith can only smile.

Courts are inefficient and costly. The adversarial system amplifies grievances, ininimises compromise, and therefore maximises lawyers' bills. Going to law is attractive bottomiess purses, either poor people on unlimited legal aid or rich corporations or individuals to whom money is no object. Even then, the point may well be reached where exasperated principals, feeling more and more like litigants, in Jarndyce v. Jamdyce, ask their legal advisers: "Surely there must be a better way?"

What fuelled the earliest experiments at ADR in the United States was a growing awareness of "the pathology of litigation", as American lawyers termed a propensity for which their race is world famous. When they went to trial, legal actions often ignored the underlying commercial realities, mainly the fact that the parties had to go on living and doing business with each other whatever the outcome. The legal system seemed designed to emphasise confrontation, with a winner and a loser and consequent bad feeling. What was lacking was an alternative to the adversarial system that would emphasise solution-finding by informal negotiation and conciliation.

Since its American origination ADR has struck a chord in Britain, where there was already a tradition of quasi-judicial arbitration. The most recent grafts onto that tree are the industrial tribunals, meant to be acces-

sible to lay people without professional assistance. But lawyers have a way of taking over anything designed to be quick, informal and "lay", and milking it for their own purposes. Today few would dare go before an industrial tribunal without benefit of a lawyer. Lawyers, naturally, volunteer their services as third parties in ADR systems too; but there is nothing intrinsic to ADR that gives them a monopoly. Where the dispute is financial, an accountant can help; where it concerns property, a surveyor.

The Adam Smith Institute's endorsement of ADR as economically correct will help the system's acceptability in free-market boardrooms, as the Bar Council's endorsement has already done in barristers' chambers. But some of the most important blots on British justice are those which deprive ordinary people of their legal rights by delays and prohibitive costs. Most conspicuous are those areas of law not covered by legal aid, where rights remain the prerogative only of the rich

who can afford to claim them. Libel is one notorious area outside legal aid, Lord Justice Neill's report on defamation last year praised the proposal, put to his enquiry on behalf of The Times; for the ADR settlement of suitable libel cases where both parties choose it. This would extend the search for a solution to readers' girevances beyond the scope of the internal "ombudsman" system most newspapers already - operate. A scheme is now being discussed by national newspaper legal advisers. ADR is ideal for such conflicts. It would close the gap between the few who may win large damages because they can afford to fight a legal action and the many who have no prospect of any recompense because they cannot.

Technically, ADR is closer to mediation than arbitration, for the purpose of the intervening neutral third party is not to impose a settlement but to suggest one. The search is not for a "right" answer in accordance with abstract legal principles, but for a compromise both sides can live with ADR may not quite be a pillar of the system, but it makes a useful flying buttress.

LATE SNAG AHEAD

Passengers who arrived in Exeter furning when their London train pulled in more than two hours late on January 2 will have been heartened yesterday to hear they had won a free travel voucher to cover the cost of their ticket and a refund for their taxi fares. Other commuters eagerly await similar action as a result of the citizen's charter, under which such compensation will be compulsory. But before they cheer, they should reflect. Is this payment really in their interests?

The new compensation scheme could apparently cost British Rail £270 million a year. Will the money come from government? Not a chance. The cash will have to be found either from existing investment, or directly from the passenger through higher ticket prices. Either way, the passengers will bear the cost, in lower safety standards, shabbier trains, a poorer service or more expensive tickets.

The last is the most likely. Fares will rise by more than they would otherwise have done, to cover the compensation costs. That means each passenger on each train journey will in effect be paying an insurance premium to BR. If the train arrives on time, that premium will be lost, just as a travel insurance premium vanishes when a holiday is uneventful. If the worst happens, and the train is badly delayed, the passenger will be able to make a ciaim.

But if BR is to charge the passengers extra for this, as logically it should, how is its scheme any different from the insurance that

people often take out when they go on holiday? It differs only in that air travel insurance is voluntary. If an aeroplane arrives seriously late, people who are insured can claim compensation from insurance companies; those who are not, cannot. But the latter have at least chosen not to spend money to protect against that risk. On BR, even those passengers to whom an hour's delay is neither here nor there will still be charged.

Passengers have different interests. Those who are pottering up to London to spend a day shopping care less about punctuality than commuters. They will resent paying a compulsory premium on top of their normal ticket. Choice could surely be introduced. Customers could decide at the ticket office whether they want to pay the premium, rather as punters placing bets can choose to

pay betting tax in advance. If British Rail became more punctual in order to reduce the amount of compensation it had to pay out, those passengers not covered would become what economists call free riders: gaining the benefit of greater punctuality without paying the cost. But there is some danger that the opposite might happen. BR may calculate that it would be cheaper to let trains run late routinely, and pay out moderate compensation, than to spend the extra needed to improve punctuality. Those for whom delays do not matter much would be delighted to win the refunds. Commuters, though, would be even worse off than they already are.

Islamic bomb : [Kenzer] don government.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour's plans for tax, employment and insurance

tributions, reducing the single per-sonal allowance to £3,000 and

Revenue as the more properly named

Of course, some of the major

beneficiaries of this scheme will be

charities in receipt of covenanted

income. The present illusion of a 25

per cent basic rate denies them their

From the Chairman of the National

Sir, Your leader, "Basic tax prin-

ciples" (January 11), has point, but

fails to acknowledge that a simple increase in adult tax allowances

beyond the rate of inflation, albeit

better than reducing the standard

rate of tax, would do little or nothing

for families. Children, the incapaci-

tated and those who care for them

would remain grossly disenfranch-

Radical and creative reforms have

become necessary, involving merg-

ing the tax and benefits systems.

That process aims to make net family

income reflect the responsibility

which householders carry for their

dependants, and it should include

new community work and training

schemes in exchange for enhanced

benefits. That could reduce un-

employment, eliminate the poverty

trap and allow social spending to enhance self-esteem and family co-

Social commitments supported by

financial incentives is the principle

which you should encourage the

political parties to debate at this

time, not minor adjustments which

do nothing for children and families.

101 Queen Victoria Street, EC4.

Sir. Throughout the recent debate on

Labour's proposed removal of the

upper limit for employees' National

Insurance contributions no one poli-

Yours sincerely.
RICHARD WHITFIELD.

National Family Trust.

From Mr Russell Hunt

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Chairman,

January 13.

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Family Trust

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY BROWN,

9B Pond Road, SE3.

From Mr Peter V. Facev

Sir, The Labour party assures us that no one earning less than £20,000. will pay more income tax". But the careful use of the word "earning" conceals the fact that Labour plans to introduce a.9 per cent surcharge on investment income. I am under pensionable age and live on dividend income of £18,000, which comes from savings I made when I was younger and paying top rates of income tax. Under Labour my income-tax bill will increase by 29 per

Labour justifies this impost on the grounds of fairness: since employees have to pay a 9 per cent National Insurance contribution (NIC), inves-tors should pay a similar amount. But the employee gets specific benefits in return for NIC payments. including unemployment, sickness and invalidity benefits, maternity pay, and retirement pension. None of these is available to investors. How can it be fair to pay equal contribu-tions for unequal benefits?

When I recently put this point in a lener to John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, he replied that he was unable to add to the above justification. He could have said that investors get certain tax breaks that are not available to employees (such as personal equity plans, business expansion schemes and the capital gains tax exemption); this would have been a good argument if it were not for the fact that Labour intends to slash them.

For a party which plans to resur-rect British industry by getting more and better investment, cutting the return to savers is indeed a master

Yours faithfully P. V. FACEY, 134 Sandyhurst Lane, Ashford, Kent. January 8.

From Mr Geoffrey Brown

Sir, John Smith says he does not understand why National Insurance contributions should stop at just above the £20,000 mark. He has obviously not been let into the secret that these contributions are not supposed to be a tax, often levied on the basis of ability to pay, as opposed to an insurance premium, charged at a rate reflecting the risk and the benefit to be received.

Is it not time to stop this silly pretence and amalgamate the tax and National Insurance contributions? The administrative savings would be considerable, the electorate would be able to understand the implications of changes in the fiscal system more readily and comparisons with our trading partners would

Mr Lamont might like to consider

Sir. Your Diary reports (January 9.

11) on the Fishmongers' Company's

reluctance to lend their Annigoni

portrait of the Queen to the forth-

coming exhibition at the Victoria

and Albert Museum marking the

40th anniversary of her accession to

Their refusal has meant that we

were asked and have agreed to lend

our copy (by Guarnieri) which hangs

in the entrance hall of our residence.

The Fishmongers cite the possibil-

ity of damage as one of the reasons

for not lending the picture. If damage is a risk from the Fish-

mongers Hall to the V&A. what

about the risks in transit from and

Yours faithfully, CAROLINE EGERTON,

British Embassy, Rome.

Splinter groups

From Major Oliver Crocombe

Sir, Could we perhaps mark the

150th anniversary on March 13 this

year of the death of that inventive

and, needless to say, ill-rewarded officer, Lieutenant-General Henry

Shrapnel (1761-1842), by persuad-

ing media men and women not to

refer to every metal splinter by his

The habit is almost as irritating as

the inevitable reference to every

naval, military or air force barracks,

station, camp, depot, headquarters, college, school, office or whatever as

Annigoni portrait

From Lady Egerton

the throne.

back to Rome?

January 13.

a "base".

Yours faithfully.

Castle House,

Enmore,

Jamuary 11.

OLIVER CROCOMBE.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

From Mr K. P. Platt

'Weaving the Web'

Sir. I fear that Bishop David

Konstant's letter (January 8) will do

little to allay the concern felt by

Catholic parents, parish priests, and

not a few bishops, regarding the use

of Weaving the Web as resource

books for religious education in

Catholic schools. He both misunder-

stands the criticisms of the books and

greatly exaggerates the support that

the Vatican Congregation of the

Their letter, dated November 19 of

last year, was, in fact, addressed 10

myself and not, as readers might

assume, to the education department

of the Conference of Bishops. In no

way does it approve of Weaving the

Web, but merely allows that it may be

Clergy gives to his views.

BA and Virgin From the Chairman of Virgin

Atlantic Airways

Sir, Sir Colin Marshall of British Airways writes (letter, January 14) that "Mr Branson's allegations" of a dirty tricks campaign "are totally without foundation". Much of the information about a

dirty tricks campaign against Virgin came to us through the investigative journalism of The Times and other newspanes. British Airways has refused to

comment on any of the specific allegations against it to any newspaper over the last three months. If the allegations are "totally without foundation", 1 challenge Sir Colin Marshall to answer point-by-point the allegations raised against BA by The Times and other newspapers and clear the air by holding an internal enquiry, which he has so far refused to do.

Yours sincerely, RICHARD BRANSON, Chairman, Virgin Atlantic Airways. Virgin Holdings Ltd., 120 Campden Hill Road, W8.

Honours uneven

From Mr J. Prakash

Sir. While the former hostages and other national heroes are being endowed with the Queen's honours, perhaps it is opportune to consider what to do about those recipients who have brought disrepute to such titles through dishonourable acts.

A glaring example is evident in the former Crown colony of Fiji, where Major-General Sitiveni Rabuka, who should face treason charges for helping to overthrow our Queen's democratically elected government in May 1987, still uses his OBE title. The former governor-general, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, who to all intents and purposes betrayed the, Oueen's trust by becoming the

used as part of the religious education programme. Most emphatically it states that "The emphasis is

on the word 'part' ".

Two points, I feel, need to be made: that had Rome intended to approve of Weaving the Web. it would have written to the Conference of Bishops and not to a layman, and that all indications are that the books have not even been submitted to or seen by the Congregation of the Clergy.

The bishop writes that the purpose of Weaving the Web is to offer a resource for teachers and pupils and adds also "for people of all ages". He fails to explain why such basic

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abolishing National Insurance contician, so far as 1 am aware, has referred to the crippling impact of this tax on small business.

raising the basic rate of income tax to Many owner-managed businesses 33 per cent. This gives a bonus of up are trading as limited companies for to £179 on incomes up to £20,300 and will claw back at the rate of 8 per commercial reasons. Under revenue rules, the owner is an employee, and cent on the next income band up to is liable for income tax and both £27,000 - i.e., a maximum £357, employer's and employee's contributions. On an annual salary of taking into account the earlier sav-£20,000 this results in an effective We would thus be left with two tax tax rate today of 43.45 per cent. On a rates: 33 per cent and 40 per cent levied from £3,000 and £27,000 salary of £30,000 the effective rate is 45.50 per cent, rising to 48.41 per cent under Labour's proposals. respectively. The current employers' Where is the incentive for risk-National Insurance contributions would be collected by the Inland taking, initiative, and enterprise?

My vote will go to the Chancellor with the courage to abolish employers' NICs for companies employing fewer than, say, five or ten staff. Grand, politically inspired, train-

ing schemes and enterprise initia-tives will never "kick start" the economy; reduced NICs might. Yours faithfully, RUSSELL HUNT 35 Lea Wood Road.

Fleet, Hampshire January 13.

From Mr John E. Strafford Sir. The former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, Denis Healey, in his autobiography The Time of my Life, published in 1989, wrote about taxation as follows:

... any substantial attempt to improve the lot of the poorest section of the population must now be at the expense of the average man and woman, since the very rich do not collectively earn enough to make much difference, and the average man does not nowadays want to punish those who earn linde more than he, since he hopes ultimately to join them.

Perhaps we should remember this whenever a political party advocates redistributing taxation.

Yours faithfully, JOHN E. STRAFFORD. Perama, Fulmer Road, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. January 13.

From Mr N. V. Rees Sir, Part of the recession over which Mr Lamont does have control is employers' NI payments, which effectively tax employers with an additional salary for every ten paid.

What better route to unemploy ment could have been devised than to punish firms for employing people? How better to suppress the quality of British goods and services than to insist that the higher the skill and thus pay of the employee, the greater the punishment?

Yours faithfully, N. V. REES, 12 Calton Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire. January 14.

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Form and function From Mr Stephen Gardiner

Sir, Interesting as Mr Will Alson's observations may be ("Colour him a non-specialist", Arts, January 6), the dictum that "form follows function" was not Le Corbusier's. My understanding is that the attribution arose from a widely read tract by Louis Sullivan, The Tall Office Building Artistically Considered, published in 1896.

Le Corbusier in fact found the inference conveyed by the use of the word "function" thoroughly distasteful, and said as much:

This frightful word was born under other skies than those I have loved - those where the sun shines supreme.

It is important to correct this misleading misconception. Sullivan's assertion, taken out of context, was probably misunderstood and may in any case have been derived from other sources.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN GARDINER. Stephen Gardiner Architects.

203 King's Road, SW3. January 7.

military-appointed president, still keeps his knighthood. Furthermore.

a media battle now emerging in Fiji between Rabuka and the militaryreinstated prime minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, is revealing definite

planning this treasonous coup. If the Queen's honorary titles can be revoked, as in the case of Sir Arthur Henry, former premier of the Cook Islands, then why has the government been so inconsistent in allowing this affront to continue for so lone?

evidence of Mara involvement in

Yours faithfully. J. PRAKASH. International Fiji Movement, 77 Strathmore Avenue, Leicester. January 11.

Catholic teachings as original sin, the divinity of Christ, the real presence in the Eucharist, the Sunday Mass obligation, the virtue of chastity, the issue of abortion, etc., are not so much as mentioned in it.

Critics fear that this is because authors and supporters of the resource do not consider these things to be of importance to the faith which we send our children to Catholic schools to learn, particularly since we have been given no assurance that teaching on these matters will be included in the undisclosed complementary "parts" of the religious education programme.

Yours sincerely. KENNETH PLATT. 47 Heathurst Road, Sanderstead, Surrey.

UK's own form of 'granny dumping'

From Mr Geoffrey C. Atkinson Sir, "Granny dumping" (report, January 10) is already a common phenomenon in the UK, only we call it "community care".

Unlike the Americans, we do not drive our old people to hospitals and leave them with notes round their necks. We leave them at home, throw in meals-on-wheels a few days a week, arrange visits from overstretched community nurses and home helps, and expect charities and non-existent families to do the rest.

We provide inadequate social secunity to allow old people to choose good-quality residential or nursing care, and as from April next year. central government is throwing the whole hot potato back, almost cer-tainly with inadequate funds, to local muchoniues.

As a coup de grace the Audit Commission has now recommended that old people should not block long-term hospital beds since "community care is cheaper". Of course it is in its present form, but to the frail, confused, elderly person it is a form of squalid solitary confinement that is a shame and a threat to all of us as the population ages.

Is there any chance, I wonder, that one of the political parties will have the courage to put the care of our ageing population high on the agenda for the forthcoming election?

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY C. ATKINSON (Director). Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund, Lynwood, Sunninghill, Ascot, Berkshire. January 10,

From the Director of Carers National Association

Sir, I was pleased to see that Sarah Harper's address to the institute of British Geographers pointed out the unacceptable burdens which are placed on family carers. We should not overstate the danger of "granny dumping", since most families continue to take on the care of elderly relatives either for reasons of love or

It is undoubtedly true, though. that burdens on family carers are increasing while the resources available to support them are decreasing. We simply extract continue to evoluit carers in this way - if we do, "granny dumping" may well develop into an

epidemic. If you have cared for an elderly person for ten or even 20 years, it is not unreasonable that there comes a point where you feel you simply cannot go on. When carers reach this point, many find that no help at all is available to them. It is hardly surprising that a few feel like "dump-

Yours faithfully, JILL PITKEATHLEY, Director. Carers National Association, 29 Chilworth Mews, W2. January 10.

Smoking and health

From the Reverend D. Howell-Jones Sir, Mr Richard M. Hughes (letter, January 4) misses the point. He may not wish to smoke Turkish cigarettes - nor do l, and we are not obliged to - but if we are unwilling to defend the freedoms of others (in which. perhaps, we see little merit) who will defend our freedoms when they are threatened?

Yours faithfully, D. HOWELL-JONES, 7] Christchurch Road, Norwich, Norfolk. January 4.

Musical tradition

From Mr Bryan G. Lowe

Sir, I totally agree with your correspondent. Mr Wilson (January 10). that the custom of standing for the Halleluiah Chorus is indeed foolish; but how are we, who prefer to enjoy it from a sitting position, to convince the standing majority? Each time I decline to rise I am threatened with abuse by my companions.

Yours faithfully, BRYAN G. LOWE, 31 Birchwood Drive, Lightwater, Surrey. January 10.

From Mr B. S. Adams

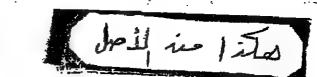
Sir, As George II was a king among philistines, hating, by his own admission, "boetry and bainting", it seems not unlikely that his lack of enthusiasm extended to music also. I was brought up to believe that he stood at the opening of the Hallelujah Chorus not out of admiration for Handel, but because he thought it was the national anthem. I can well imagine that by that stage of the performance he was hoping to go home.

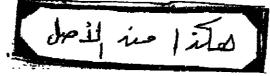
Yours faithfully, B. S. ADAMS, 3 The Struet, Brecon, Powys. January 10.

From Mr John Silverlight

Sir. "Haydn, hearing the Hallelujah Chorus in Westminster Abbey, rose to his feet with the crowd, wept, and exclaimed. He is the master of us all'." (The Oxford Companion to Music, 1942 edition).

Yours faithfully. JOHN SILVERLIGHT. 43 Suffolk Road, Barnes, SW13.







COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 14: By command of The Queen, the Earl Howe, Lord in Waiting, was present at Heath-row Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of The President of the Italian Republic,

and bade farewall to His Ex-cellency on behalf of Her Majesty. The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 14: The Duchess of York. Patron, this morning launched Tommy's Campaign in aid of The

Governor's Hall St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1. Miss Lucy Manners and Cap-tain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton KENSINGTON PALACE

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January 14: The Princess of
Wales, Parron, British Deaf
Association, visited the association's London Video Project at 25 Cockspur Street, London

Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, was in attendance. Princess Michael of Kent celebrates her buthday today.

Birthdays today

Mr Robert Armstrong, racehorse trainer, 48; Mrs Margaret Beck-ett, MP, 49; Mr Chuck Berry, singer, 66; Mr Frank Bough, broadcaster, 59; Dr Neil Cossons, director, Science Museum, 53; Lord Dacre of Glanton, 78; Miss Jane Drabble, assistant manag-ing director, BBC Television, 45; Baroness Elliot of Harwood, 89; Mr Anthony Forbes, joint senior partner, Cazenove and Company veterinarian, 85: Professor P.C.C. Garnham, parasitologist, 91: Sir Percival Griffiths, Indian Civil Servant. 93; the Hon Mary

Hogg, QC, 45: Sir John Junor, journalist, 73; Lord Lever of Manchester, 78: Lord Simon of Glaisdale, 81: Mr T.C. Skeffing ton-Lodge, former MP. 87; Mr John Terraine, author, 71: Sir

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will attend a presentation ceremony at the Albert Hall at 2.00; and, as a Member of the Court of Assis-tants of the Woolmen's Company, she will attend a livery dinner at Painters' Hall at 7.00.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.R.B. Andrew and Miss F.R. White

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late P.R. Andrew and of Mrs W.O. Farrer, of Fernhurst, West Sussex, and Fiona, daughter of Mr Graham White, of Cambridge, and of Mrs Rosemary White, of Deddington, Oxfordshire. Mr S.A. Brimpo

and Miss K.E. Chaps The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Briston, of Campsie Gien, Glasgow, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Chapman, of Kensington, London. Mr.J.G. Chrise

and Miss F.A. Builey The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Clarke, of Hiord, Essex, and Fiona, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs David Balley, of East Meon.

Hampshire. Mr R.B. Coaten and Miss R.E. Beasett

The engagement is announced between Richard, third son of the late Mr Arthur Coaten and of Mrs Patricia Coaten, of Otter-Rosanagh, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Valentine Bennett, of Scethrog, Powys.

Captain J.M.E. Cobb The engagement is announced between James Martin Edward Cobb. 13th/18th Royal Hussars. only son of Commander and Mrs John Cobb, of Eridge, East Sussex, and Emma Lucy Cressida, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Dunford, of Lymington, Hampshire. Mr C.S. Crocker

and Mrs C.S.B. Hume-Kennial The engagement is announced between Stuart, only son of the late, Mr Frank Crocker, and of Mrs Isabella Crocker, of Kelso. Roxburghshire, and Crispin, only daughter of Commander Alastair Anson, of London, SW1, and Mrs Collette Blathwayt, of Banbury,

Mr D.J.C. Curingham

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.C. Cuningham, of Frampton Cotterell, Bristol, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C. Laverick, of

Mr J.S.R. Dally and Miss C.C.M. Naylor The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Dally, of Wimbledon, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hew Naylor, of Mr W.A. Darroch

and Miss S.J. Pomeroy
The engagement is announced between Wayne, son of Mr George Darroch, of Bexley, Kent, Kingswood, Surrey, and Sarah. John Pomeroy, of Chobham,

Mr M.A. Edwards nd Miss S.J. Slumbers

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Edwards, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Samantha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Denzil Shumbers, of Brighton, Sussex.

and Miss J.S. Constantinis-Bunn The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs T.M.D. Gimlette, of Teffon Magna, Wiltshire, and Jayne, only daughter of Mr J.H. Constantinis-Bunn and Mrs Y. Constantinis-Bunn, of Brighouse,

Mr C.C. Gore and Miss K. Ambler

The engagement is announced between Christopher Charles, son of Mr J.T. Gore, of London, and Mrs S. Gore, of Pewsey, Wiltshire, Mrs A.S. Ambler, of Teversham,

Mr D.C. Grendon and Miss LA Bevan

The engagement is announced between David, only son of the late Mr Roger Grendon and of Mrs Dorothy Grendon, of Billingshurst, Sussex, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Bevan, of Hawarden,

and Miss R.C. Bull The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr Alastair Hubbard and the late Mrs Hubbard, of Junipers. Sevenoaks, and Rachel Clare, daughter of His Honour Judge John Bull, QC, and Mrs Sonia Bull of Gosden End, Bramley. Surrey.

Mr J.C.F.S. Lawrie

and Miss J. Serive The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Rex Lawrie, of Eynsford, Kent, and Jan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Scrivener, of Bishop's Stortford,

Mr S.A.E. MacFarlance and Miss J.S.B. Grand

The engagement is announced between Alistair, younger son of the late Dr Patrick MacFarlane and of Mrs MacFarlane, of Beech Hill, Berkshire, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr Peter Barron Grant and the late Mrs 30 Grant, of Thorner, West Yorkshire.

Mr W.D'O. Rivière and Miss LS. Corkett

The engagement is announced son of Mr and Mrs Michael Rivière, of Dilham Grange, North Walsham, Norfolk, and Isabelle Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Corbett, of The Dower House, Longnor Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr J.F.E. Trebearne and Mrs S.M. Curils-Trebearne The engagement is announced between John Frederick Edward, son of the late Edward Scarlett Trehearne and Ellen (Nell) Cohen, of Highdown, 8 Woodcote Lane, Purley, Surrey, and Sherrie Maria, daughter of Ayden Malcolm Peter Edwards, of Shirley, Surrey, and Josephine Olive Bernadette Schootwenaar,

of High Ham, Somerset. Mr C.R.C. Verser and Miss C.J. Coleridge The engagement is announced between Charles Rupert Cosmo, son of Mr James Verner, of Stembridge, Somerset, and Countess Helen Benckendorff, of Clare, Suffolk, and Christina Joanne, daughter of Mr Syndercombe Coleridge, of Chis-wick, London, and Mrs Timothy

sley-Miller, of Bayswater Mr H.F. Woolbouse and Miss L.A. Billingburst The engagement is announced between Hugh Francis, younger son of Professor and Mrs John Woolhouse, of Coventy, and Lucy Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs' Patrick Billinghurst, of Charlwood, Surrey.

Marriages

and Mr D.F. Pak Ms Perry Robertson is delighted to announce the marriage of her elder daughter Danielle Forbes Pitt to Matthew Stuart Ellard. ary 13, 1992, in Bangkok

Mr A.G.S. Gure Brown and Miss S.G. Salway
The marriage has taken place
quietly in London, between
Anthony, elder son of Mrs Pamela Gore Browne and the late Mr Giles Gore Browne, and Gav.

younger daughter of Mr and Mrs

Dr L.W.M. Impey and Miss S.M. Broad The marriage took place on Saturday, January 11, at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, between Dr Lawrence Impey, son of Dr and Mrs Ollver Impey, and Miss Susan Broad, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Broad. The Rev

William Broad and Father Christopher Courtauld officiated The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Harriet Impey. Mr Christopher Robson was best

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel, and the honeynoon is being spent in

Mr M.W. Manning and Dr F.J. Kirkham The marriage took place quietly in Kilifi, Kenya, on December 27, between Mr Martin Manning and Dr Fenella Kirkham.

OBITUARIES

AIR VICE-MARSHAL **DESMOND HUGHES**

Air Vice-Marshal (Frederick) Desmond Hughes, CB, CBE, DSO, DFC and two bars. AFC, one of Britain's fighter aces in the second world war, died on January 11 aged 72. He was born on June 6, 1919.

DESMOND Hughes was the most decorated living member of the Battle of Britain Fighter Association and one of the most successful night fighter pilots of the last war. To the press he was "Hawk-Eye" Hughes, a hero in the same mould as "Car's Eyes" Cunningham, whose exploits helped to keep British spirits high. By the end of the fighting in Europe, still one month short of his 26th birthday, he had been credited with shooting down 182 enemy aircraft. The "half" was a shared Ju-88.

But at one time Hughes must have counted himself lucky just to have survived the desperate air battles of 1940. During the last week of August, shortly after his 264 squadron had been moved from Lincolnshire to Hornchurch, Essex, it lost nine air gunners, five pilots, one commanding officer, an acting CO injured and two flight commanders shot down. At one point the most experienced pilot left was a pilot officer not yet 21.

On one occasion when the squadron was "scrambled" after a raid, there were only two crews left with serviceable aircraft. Hughes just managed to take off from the badly cratered airfield to fend off an approaching force more than 30 strong. At 12,000 feet, however, the control tower radioed: "Terribly sorry old boy - they've turned away." The sorrow was not shared by Hughes and company.

He had had the misfortune to be assigned to a squadron of Defiants - an aircraft which won few admirers. Its rear gun turret made it slow and vulnerable to anything other than an undefended bomber. As most of the en-



emy raiders were escorted, Defiant crews had the odds stacked against them.

"The fact was we were outnumed, out-climbed and outgunned by the Messerschmitt 109." Hughes later wrote. He became involved in converting the Defiants to a nightfighter role, to which they seemed better adapted. His DFC was won on the night of March 12, 1941, when he and his gunner, Sergeant Fred Gash, shot down an He-

Beaufighter squadron in 1942 and in June bagged the squadron's first victim. Later that year he also became the first (or one of the first) to take his pet dog on a sortie. His mongrel Scruffy, dressed in flying overalls for warmth, survived the mission, only to

Hughes moved to No 125

driver shortly afterwards.

first bar to his DFC in Februenemy aircraft accumulated.

He subsequently served in Sicily and Italy, then was given command of No 604 Mosquito squadron which became the first night fighter unit to be based on the continent after D-Day. Now a wing commander in rank, he was awarded the DSO in March 1945 and next year was offered a permanent commission.

Desmond Hughes be-

be killed by a WAAF truck

In January 1943 Hughes was posted as a flight commander to No 600 squadron in North Africa. He won the ary and a second in September as, one by one - and sometimes by as many as three in one day — his tally of

longed to that youthful gener-

to Pembroke College, Cambridge, to read law. He joined the university air squadron in 1938 and the RAF at the outbreak of the war. He served on the directing staff of the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, between 1954 and 1956, after which he was

ation whose futures were re-

shaped by the second world

war. Born in Donaghadee,

near Belfast, the son of the director of a linen firm, he

went from Campbell College

personal staff officer to the chief of the air staff, then Air Chief Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle, for two years. Between 1959 and 1961 he was station commander at Geilenkirchen in West Germany. In 1962-64 he was director of air staff plans at the Ministry of Defence and ADC to the

As commandant of the RAF College, Cranwell, he-tween 1970 and 1972 he supervised the Prince of Wales's flying training and presided over the college's 50th anniversary celebrations. He also had the responsibility for overseeing the reorganisation of officer training, which partly in-volved phasing out the old three-year cadetship and introducing the university grad-

nate entry. After two years as senior air staff officer at the Near East Air Force headquarters in Cyprus, Desmond Hughes retired in 1974. He was made a deputy lieutenant of Lin-coinshire in 1983.

A fine sportsman all his life, he played on the wing for London Irish RFC after the last war. Two years ago he marched with Battle of Britain crews past Buckingham Palace to commemorate the battle's 50th anniversary. But Hughes himself was a quiet and modest man who talked little in later life about his DWN WILL He is survived by his wife

Pamela, daughter of the conductor and composer Julius Harrison, and by two of their

YVONNE BRYCELAND

Yvonne Bryceland, South African actress, died of cancer in London on January 13 aged 67. She was born in Cape Town on November 18.

THE symbiotic relationship between Yvonne Bryceland and Athol Fugard created drama which sent shock waves through South Africa in the early 1970s. In Britain Bryceland won the the Laurence Olivier award for best actress in 1985 for her performance as an eccentric Afrikaner sculptress in Fugard's The Road to Mecca. She had an inspirational effect on the South African playwright, first bringing to life Millie in People Are Living There. Lena in Boesman and Lena and Hester in Hello and Goodbye, all of which she also brought to London. Without always addressing-

the apartheid system directly, Fugard's plays dealt with the issues the system created and the people who suffered — "poor white" Afrikaners as well as the downtrodden. blacks and "coloureds". Yvonne Bryceland had an instinctive ability to portray them, crossing the "colour" line with ease to play both Afrikaner and coloured women.

Offstage she was instru-mental in circumventing the government's segregation. policies, founding, with her husband Brian Astbury, The Space, a non-racial theatre in Cape Town. The theatre presented new, socially relevant plays to mixed audiences but because of this it operated without any state aid. Accepting subsidy would have en-tailed segregating audiences and avoiding anything oversly political. At The Space Bryceland created Frieds in Fugard's Statements after an Arrest under the Immorality Act (1972). She also played Mary Tyrone in O'Neil's Long Day's Journey Into Night (1973). Amenda Wingfield in Tennessee Williams's The Glass Menagerie. (1974) as well as Mother

Courage and Medea (1977). Her first London appearance was in Boesman and Lana at the Theatre Upstairs

in 1971. This was followed by

Statements at the Royal Court in 1974. A year later she created the part of Sophia in Fugard's Dimetos for the Edinburgh Festival and in 1978 she played Hester in Hello and Goodbye at the Riverside Studios in London. When, the same year, Edward Bond asked her to appear as Hecuba in his play The Woman, Bryceland and her husband decided to settle in London. She joined the National Theatre where she remained for eight years, achieving critical and popular successes in a series of productions including The Mother and Dario Fo's One Woman Plays. Her most recent television performance was as Dr Magda Myers in the series Shrinks and her films included A. World

Bryceland was the youngest of the five children of a railway foreman. Although she had always wanted to act, she married at 16, had the first of three daughters a year later. and began acting professionally only after her divorce and an early job in a newspaper cuttings library. She made her first stage appearance in 1947 playing a film actress in Stage Door and then spent seven years with the Cape Performing Aris Board. She seemed set to become a fairly conventional leading lady in the routine productions of minor English comedies which dominated the South African theatrical scene at that time. But her collaboration with Athol. Fugard changed all that. She is survived by her hushand and daughters.



PROFESSOR W. G. HOSKINS

or William George Ho CBE, Hatton Professor of English History, University of Leicester, 1965-68, died on January 11 aged 83. He was born in Exeter on May

W. G. HOSKINS began life very much as a local historian. An Exeter man born and bred, he opened his account as an historical writer with the study Trade and People in Exeter in 1935. He was, in spite of his subsequent transplantation to Leicester, to remain attached to his native county. Indeed the insights he gained into its varied features and the methods with which he researched them - careful and laborious fieldwork of local topography and archaeology, scrutiny of maps and charters, exploration of road, lane, hedge and ditch - were to remain the basis for his later work.

From a purely intellectual point of view this reached its apogee in the remarkable book, The Making of the English Landscape, which ap-peared in 1955. Though it was, deservedly, to go through numerous editions, it alone might never have enabled him to make the impact on public consciousness he did, if it had not been for television. The BBC TV series Landscapes of England, which appeared between 1976 and 1978, made him a household name and made his concerns about the future of the British countryside the concern of everyone in the vast audience which the programmes

addressed. In The Making of the English Landscape Hoskins had, for the

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Torcuano di Tella, Buenos Aires; Nissan
visiting fellowship, from April to
December: Professor Osamu Watanabe,
BA (Tokyo), of Hitosubashi University,
Tokyo: Spanish Ministry of Education
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term: Professor Demetrio Castro Alfia,
BA, FRD (Madrid), of Universidad
Complutense, Madrid, Foreign Service
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Hilary and Trinity terms: Mr Nicholas
Robert Jarrold, MA, of the Foreign and
Commonwealth Office visiting fellowship,
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The Governors announce that Mr

lames Barnes, BA, currently

Head of VIth Form at Akeley Wood School, Buckingham and

sometime Housemaster at

Dumpton Preparatory School, has been appointed Headmaster

to succeed Mr D.G.G. Hoare, on

his retirement in September

the development of the countryside with a brilliancy which even the restrained reviewers of that time could not help describing as being "like a Very light". The book ex-plored in detail — which had its origins in both painstaking research and passionate love - the evolution of terrain through the agency of the human hand on it.

Hoskins showed graphically, as had never been demonstrated before, that almost nothing of the countryside that we see around us today has been the work of unaided. nature, and that the landscape garden, the park, the hedge, the enclosure, the path, the canal, the railway and even the tree as planted by human hand have all played their part. His loathing of the industrial revolution and its malign consequences for English scenery breathed enthusiasm into a subject which might so easily have become submerged under the sheer weight of research which informed it.

Translated to television and related by Hoskins's rotund and rurallooking person, these insights gained wide currency and fired all sorts of people with a new appreciation of their natural heritage. Like Betjeman, the apparently academic Hoskins found that he was a natural communicator. Local history, until then so often merely synonymous with the provincial and the inwardlooking, suddenly became a matter of passionate concern to all. Topography itself was infused with a hu-

Mr Alan Rawcliffe

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Mr Alan

Rawdiffe was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John

Oates officiated. Mr Conrad Black, Chairman of The Daily

Telegraph, and Mr Rupert Middleton, Managing Director of West Ferry Printers, read the

lessons. Mr Ben Hurren. Manag-ing Director of Trafford Park Printers, read from the works of

Canon Henry Scott Holland and Lord Deedes gave an address.

Mrs Rawcliffe (widow), Mr and

Mrs Peter Williamson and Mr

and Mrs Michael Gregory (sons-

in-law and daughters). Amy Williamson (granddaughter), Mr

and Mrs Dennis Dootson (brother-in-law and sister), Mr

and Mrs Arthur Hand (brother-

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in-law and sister-in-law).

Sir Frank Rogers (deputy chairman, The Deliy Telegraph) with Viscount Camore, Lord Hartwell, Lord Rawinson of Eweit, QC, the Hon Aarian Berry, Mr H M Stephen and Mr Rupert Mambro (directors), Mr Joe Cook, Mr Len Sanderson (advertising director), Mr Manthony Remoul (secretary), Mr Alan Davier (assistant secretary), Mr Andrew Hutchinson (managing editor). Mr Andrew Cameron (chairman, West Ferry Printers and managing director. Express Newspapers), Mr Review Whitchinson (managing director. Express Newspapers), Mr Review Whitching and Managers, West Ferry Printers and Mrs Willishire. Mr Ken Marsden

Among others present were:

career as a mass communicator. Born in Exeter, he was educated at Hele's School there, and at the University College of the South West (now Exeter University). The county of Devon, rivalled perhaps only by Yorkshire among English counties in the variety of its topography, was to be the making of him.

His youthful explorations of the valley of the Exe and its archaeological riches taught him the method. which was to remain at the centre of his research ever afterwards. Why were its fields thus shaped? Why were its lanes so deep and winding? These were just some of the basic questions to which he addressed himself, and the later extension of such lines of inquiry to the physical features of other counties enabled him to develop a comprehensive view of the importance of the human (and animal) factors in the shape of rural England. Even the grazing patterns of man's flocks and herds were taken into account in shaping the way in which he followed them in the creation of his own routes across the countryside.

From Exeter Hoskins went to Bradford Technical College where he taught for a short time. In 1931 he was appointed assistant lecturer in commerce at what was then University College, Leicester. Apart from an important spell of 14 years at Oxford, Leicester (which got its charter as a university in 1957) was to be his academic base for the rest of his teaching life. From 1935 man dimension.

Nothing in William George onwards he contributed a flow of papers to the Transactions of the

Mrs Molly Cox

Requiem Mass in thanksgiving

for the life and work of Mrs Molly

Cox was celebrated yesterday by Father John Coventry, SJ, assisted by Father Michael O'Brien, SJ, at

the Church of the Immaculate

Conception, Farm Street, Mr John Touhey and Mr Jim Cunningham, brother, read the

lessons and Miss Anna Home,

BBC Television, read from The

Snow Queen by Hans Andersen.

Miss Monica Sims, director of

production, Children's Film and Television Foundation, also

representing the Managing Director of BBC Television, gave

an address. Among others present

Mr and Mrs Oliver Cox ison and daughter-in-lawl, Mr Dominie Cua. ison. Mrs Charles Creed and Mrs Angela Bergiar (sistems, Mr and Mrs Gerry Elwes (bruther-in-law and sister). Mrs Jim Cunningham (sister-in-law), Mr James Bergier, Miss Helen Elwes, Mrs Fresa Elwes, Miss Gerama Elwes, Mrs Kate Cox.

Sir Roger Cary trepresenting the Chairman and Board of Governors of the BBC, with My they Thompson (assistant Head of Children's Programmes). Mr John Lloyd (manager, Children's Programmes, BBC Television) and other past and present members of the BBC.

Head of Children's Programme

Memorial services

icompany secretary. Trafford Park Printers) with Mr Geoffrey Dawson (operations manager), and other past and present members of staff.

The Hon Hugh Lawson Mr Andrew Knight (executive chaliman, News International), Mr Gordon Meills and Mr Michael Jones (Associated Newspapers). Mr Peter Mills (Financial Timer), Mr Harry Roche (The Guardian and the Mancheuser Denning News), Mr Steve Conaway (The Independent), Mr Bruce Manthews tchaliman, Satetitic Information Service), Mr Oliver Robinson (International Press Telecommunications Council), Mr Murdoch Mackennan (Harmsworth Quay Printing, Mr Michael Pelham (Bridgewater Paper Company), Mr Francis Davis (UPM News) with Mr David Owen (also representing Shotton Paper Company), Mr Tom Sefton and Mr Charles de Selincour (Canadian Pacific Newsprint)

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Miss Jane Martin (stikeman Ellion). Mr Nicholas Keane (Central National). New York), Mr Stan Barnes (Kruger News-print). Mr Christopher Thouston (Kruger ger Paper). Mr John Kalaber and Mr Charles Richards (Web Technics). Mr Michael Heath (Coares Lorilleux). Mr Benki Therstan (Holmen Paper). Mr M Tame and Mr D Cain (Succhemical). Mr Rick Carr and Mr Laurie Clark

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Mr John Winnington-ingram, Mr and Mrs Horace Brooks, Mr and Mrs Ian Gittins, Mr and Mrs Horace Frond, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Embleton. Mrs Ben Hurten. Mr and

ety, all of which demonstrate technical scholarship of a high order combined with the graphic style and humane outlook which was later to make him so effective outside the academic sphere.

During the war he served at the

Board of Trade on the central price regulation committee but afterwards Leicester signalled its appreciation of his worth by creating an independent department of local history and putting him at its head with the title of reader. A succession of studies followed, including Midland England (1949), Devonshire Studies (with H. P. R. Finberg, 1951), and Devon (1954). The last was a large scale historical survey. which involved Hoskins in a personal visit to each of the 450 parishes in his native county. In the meantime he had moved to

Oxford, where he was reader in economic history from 1951 to 1965. His Oxford years were not of the happiest. He disliked its reek of privilege and resented traditions which left him little freedom of movement in his pioneering work. He returned to Leicester in 1965 as Hatton professor, retiring "in despair", as he put it in his Who's Who entry, in 1968. The Sixties, with their extra-academic and highly politicised concerns, were not much. his cup of tea and the socio-administrative concerns of a head of department got in the way of his research.

Meanwhile he had already made the transition from local historian of the type whose work is of interest to local amateurs to elevator of local

it became of universal interest and made a secure place for itself as a university discipline. In addition to The Making of the English Landscape he wrote the Shell guides to Rutiand and Leicestershire (1963 and 1970); The Common Lands of England and Wales (with L. Dudley Stamp, 1963); Old Devon (1966); History from the Farm (1970); English Landscape (1973); One Man's England (1978) and many more. Before the television age he had become known to listeners to the BBC's Third Programme.

He played his part on the public stage, most notably as a member of the Royal Commission on Common Land, 1955-58, which recommended that the remaining 1.5 million acres of common should be preserved for public access and regarded in the same light as national parks. L. Dudley Stamp was a fellow member of the commission.

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Latterly Hoskins's writing had been curtailed by a series of strokes. He consoled himself by reading widely in the literature and historical writings of a former age. It was not possible for him to feel optimistic about the future of the countryside. He could see, as well as any. that the very access of human beings to it, in their masses, was destroying what they had come to enjoy. But his work will always stand as an impassioned clarion call to the preservation of the English rural heritage. He married, in 1933, Frances

Jackson. They had a son, who predeceased him, and a daughter.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Molière, baptised, Paris, 1622: Louis de Rouvroy, Dur de Saint-Simon, diarist, Paris, 1675: Franz Grillparzer. dramatist. Vienna, 1791; Thomas Crofton Croker, Irish folklorist. Cork 1798; Pierre Proudhon, socialist, Besançon, France, 1809; Mihail Eminescu, poet, Ipotesti, Romania, 1850; Lewis Terman, pioneer of IQ tests, Johnson County, Indiana, 1877: Martin Luther Ring, civil rights leader, Nobel Peace laure-

1929

Dinners

The Naval dinner of the Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table was held last night at the Athenaeum, Major-Gen-eral M.J.H. Walsh, Knight Presi-dent, presided and Admiral Sir-John Kerr, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, also

ate 1964. Atlanta. Georgia,

DEATHS: Pra Paolo Sarpi.

Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table spoke. Among others present

Venetian natriot, church reformer, Venice, 1623; Fanny Kemble, actress, London, 1893; Matthew Brady, photographer of the American Civil War, New York, 1896; Jack Teagarden, trombonist and band leader, 1964; Sean MacBride, Irish

statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1974, Dublin, 1988.

During a severe frost 40 people perished when the ice on Regent's Park lake, London, broke, 1867. Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht, communist leaders, were murdered after the Spattacist uprising, Berlin, 1919.

United and Cecil Club Mr Malcoim Rifleind, QC, MP, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the United and Cecil Club held last night at the House of Commons. Mr Sydney Chapman, M.P. a vice-chairman, was host and Sir-

Marcus Fox, MP chairman pre-sided. Mr Paul Goswell also

spoke. Institution of Civil Engineers The Princess Royal was yesterday elected an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers.



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MASTLEY - On December 28th 1991, at Pembury Hospital, to Julie (nee Marrill), and Terence, a daughber, Georgina Bettina Alexandra Louise, a sister for Nicholas. Altheimer's research.

MARDLD On December 24th aged 83 years, after a long filmess patiently borne. Mailor William Hugh, late 106th Laurs, Yeomaniry Regiment R.H.A., beloved husband of Shefia Code O'Conneil), daughbur of the late Dr. J.H. O'Conneil of Liverpool, ever loving uncle of William Johnston, Avonmore House, Co. Wicklow, Erre. Wilson On December 19th, to Jennifer (nie Samuel Richard Barnes, Samuel Richard Barnes, ZYGMUNT - On James 12th in Umer, Sweden, to Tia Guarra (née Delgado) and MEAL On Jamescy 14th, peacefully at Buyline Farm. Beaconstiled, Theodora, dearly loved wife of Authory S. Heal and devoted mother of Authorse and Cliver and grandmother of Felix.

DEATHS ELLERBY - On January 15th, beacefully at Oxford. Rosalind Wintfired (nife Janes), wife of the late Jack Bellerby, aged 83. Pumeral Service at Oxford Crematorium at 11.30 am on Friday January 17th. Family flowers. ADES, ERME, ENEZ 20H.
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Paul, Shislake, on Friday, James 17th et 2,30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Tornslin & Son, 48 New Street, Henley-02-Thames. 16: (0491) 573370. DENIMON - On January 1 in 1992. Margarit Olango Banche Hudson sped 84 years of Britton, Norfole, Formerly Schoolteacher, Beloved wife of John for 52 years. Funeral Tuesday January 21st, Any donations to Mithon Children's Hospics. 6/o Fox's Funeral Services, 10 Canada Road, Cremer, 10 Cost 512427.

JAN 15

ON THIS DAY

A Since this article appeared there has been a decline in the practice of dubbing. There is still a place for it in musicals where a performer mimes to the voice of a singer.

> ACTOR OF HIS VOICE FILMS DISTORTED

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BY OUR FILM CRITIC Dubbing, should anyone be so. happy as not to know the meaning of the word or never to have seen a dubbed film, is the craft of substituting (in this country) English speech for foreign, and it is, alas, by now a common enough practice for inverted commas to be dropped. Foreign actors, in other words, do not speak with their own voices. A complex procedure, known as lip synchronization, ensures that disembodied English speech shall proceed from the mouths of persons engaged, perhaps, in an all-in slanging match in their own tongue and idiom, and disconcerting in-

deed is the result. Dubbing is a process to be opposed at all times and in all circumstances. It is an offence against such art as the cinema possesses; it robs the actor of the most precious wespon in his armoury, his voice. Subtleties of vocal inflexion are of the utmost. importance in the playing of a part, and if these subtleties are denied an actor his performance is, on the instant, robbed of its life-blood. A short film showing to what lengths of care and conscientious-

ments was shown a little time ago in London, but no amount of pains or fact that a trick is being played now show more judgment in chooswhich kills any film, considered as a my the films to suffer at their work of art, stone dead. The scientific ingenvity can disguise the

entactioning voice, however sympethetically it may perform, is something extraneous, grafted on, slien, and it betrays its origin in every syllable. The voice is an organic part of the whole, the very heart of the matter, and, if the dubbers doubt it, let them, to take an instance at random, imagine Dame Edith Evans, when she was the most suchanting Millsmant that ever restled in silk, going through the motions of the part and allowing a ventriloquist to speak her lines.
But whatever criticism has to say
against dubbing, it looks as though
the dubbed film is here to stay. For

many years andiences seemed con-tent enough with sub-titles, but there is no bottom to the mental laxiness of those who go to the cinema, as the introducers of the cinema, as the introducers of the dobbed film obviously know. All that an andience at one of these films can do is to get clear in its mind what it is seeing. If it is realized that in the process of the best films and the dubbing half, if not more, of the film's value is written off, then at least the spectator will not go far wrong in assessing what is left.

Those promoting dubbed films in this country claim that by doing so,

this country claim that by doing so, they are breaking down barriers, spreading culture and enabling an-diences to see films which would otherwise never reach the English screen. Here again there is a half-truth, just as a cubbed film is a halffilm, but if audiences realize that, while the illusionist seems to saw a women in half and actually leaves her whole, the dubbers, reversing the process, seem to present her whole while actually they have carved her up, they are at least some way on the road to gaining those benefits from dubbed films over which the promoters grow so lyrical. Even talking pictures do not talk

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NEW RELEASES

 BILLY BATHGATE (15): Here-worstupping kid joins Dutch Schultz's gang in 1930s New York, Muffled, disappointing version of disappointing version of E.L. Doctorow's 1988 best-selling noval Starring Dustin Hoffman, Loren Dean director, Robert Benton. Dean orector, Hobert Banton. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Carrson Chelses (071-352 5096) Noting Hill Coronal (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 915683) Leicester Square (0426 915683) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

THE BRIDGE (12) Vapid British cashuw drame about a Victorian wife o summer affair, from Maggie Hemingway's novel With Saska Reaves, David O'Hara, Director, Syd

Reaves, Levid Chara, Director, Syd McCartney. Cannons: Fulham Roed (071-370 2836) Haymarker (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Roed (071-836 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031).

HELLO, HEMINGWAY: Young grt's problems with education and family in havana. 1956 Refreshing, bitter-sweet Cuben drama, director, Fernando Perez. ICA Cinema (071-930-3647)

LIEBESTRAUM (18). Mike Figger's dark, wild tale of love, death and castinon architecture. Infloresting at first, but yawns creep in, Starring Kevin Anderson, Pamela Gidey, Ken Novak Carsons: Fulham Road (071-370) 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

MERCI LA VIE (18) Time-hopping adventures of two rampeging gris (Charlotte Gainsbourg, Anoux Grinberg) Strained variation on Bertrand Bier's first hit, Lee Valsouses Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelses Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0691).

♦ YEAR OF THE GUN (15): Tedious, badly scripted thriller about the Red Bingade terrorists. Andrew McCarrhy, Sharon Stone, director, John Frankenheimer Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

CURRENT ♦ THE ADBAMS FAMILY (PG): Tasty least of black humour, inspired by the 1960s TV spin-off from Charles Addems's macebre carloons Raul Julia, Anjetica Huston,

BECKET: Riveting performences from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindage from Denet Jacobi and Hobert Lindely in Anouth's play on the relationship between Thomas à Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royel, Haysrarket, SW1 (071-930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mate Wed, Sat, 3pm, 165mms.

CI THE CASINET MINISTER: Dece Name and Maureen Lipman in a snob-bish, largely unturny Pinero comedy. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WCZ (071-887 1115), Mon-Sat, 7 48pm, mats Wed, Set, 3pm. 180mins.

I DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brien Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory play, set in 1930s Donegal, returns with a new tast. Sarrick, Charling Cross Road, WC2 (071-484 5085). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat. 4pm. 150mins

CLA DYNIBUK FOR TWO PEOPLE truce Myers, Corkine Jaber play meny ples in this Yiddish tale of the supernatural. Accomplished, intense. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NWS (071-722 9301). Mon-Set, 8pm, mat Set, 4pm. 60mms.

AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at the functions of a woman married to 4

accoar nut. Ducheas, Catherine Street, London WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn, Sat, 6pm and 8.48pm. 130mine. THE GIGLI CONCERT: BMT Foster is observed with making an insi militanaire (Tony Doyle) into the new Gig6 in Tom Murphy's powerful lables Almelda, Almelda Street, NI (071-358 4404), Mon-Set, Spm, mat Set, 4pm.

THE MADNESS OF BEDREE UIT

PAINTING CHURCHES: The Huther Theatre Southernaton production of Painting Churches, by American playwright Time Howe, receives a West-End transfer following its British premiere last year. The comedy centres on the ansostics of the Church ternity. the lather, a distinguished poet (Leelle Philips), his eccentric wife (Joele Lawrence) and the daughter, a rising New York artist (Slan Philips). The production begins previewing tanight and opens next Wednesday. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, Lendon WC2 (071-636 4401), 8pm.

DIE FLEDERMAUS: Richard Jones's DIE FLEDERIMAUR: Richard Jones's knockabout version of the Johann Strauss operatts for English National Opera has all the paraphamalis of Flederimans but does not quite work, however, splendid performances from Lesley Garrett as a Madonna-fike Adele and Vivian Tierney as Rosslinds, with Malcolm Donnelly as Essenstein, James Hotnes conducts (Low pinca takets are on who in "Wastminator Opera Week".")

Gilliamin, St Martin's Lame, London WCZ (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

RESOLUTION: You take your changes RESOLUTION: You take your chances with this new year's dance sense from The Piace, London's leading contemporary dance venue. The event is open to any young company willing to take on the challenge of promoting their work at their own risk. Tonight brings a double-bill featuring. Compagnie Schmid-Pernatte from Frence in a duel entitled. Les Chibres Portées, and the London-based Company Pascale Boone performing Eurydice inspired by the words of Jean Cacheau.

CINEMA GUIDE

Delil ou lied

Tottenham Court Road (071-536 6148) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366)

ENCHANTED APRIL (U): Four Englishwomen ahare an Italian villa in the 1920s, withy lines, fine performances, civilised entertainment Starring Miranda Richardson, Joan Plownght, Josie Lawrence; director, Mike Newatil Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

♦ FLIRTING (12): Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to The Year My Voice Broke from director John Dulgan.

With Nosh Taylor, Thandle Newton Cennons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Minema (071-335 4635).

MATADOR (18): Murder, high feshlon, and anti-Catholic jibes from the unshitable Padro Almodover; mede in 1986. Assumpts Serna and Nacho Martinez as a chic lawyer and builfighter obsessed with love and death. Metro (071-437 0757).

PROOF (15): A blind man's

photographs bring emotional complications intriguing entertainment from new Australian director Joselyn Moortouse. With Hugo Weaving, Genevieve Picot, Renoir (071-837 8402).

RIGOLETTO (PG): Pavarotti hits the high notes, but Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's film of Verdi's opera remains resoluted suspebourd Made for television in 1983 With Ingvar Wixell. Edita Gruberova, and Riccardo Chailly conducting the Vienne Philharmonic. Berbican (071-636-6891).

SUBURBAN COMMANDO (PG). Inane, juvenile action burlesque, with wresting star Hulk Hogan as a galactic

warner at large in suburbia. Starrin Christopher Lloyd, Shelley Duvall;

director, Burt Kennedy

Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mazzenine (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071:782 3582).

V. I. WARSHAWSKI (15). Dingy, chansy, foul-mouthed thriller extracted from Sara Paretsky's detective novels, with Kathleen Turner as the street-smart faminist sleuth. Director, Jeff Kanew.
Odeons: Haymarket (0428 915353) Kensangton (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

of Duka Stington. Obvious routines cannot disguise the true rusku Duka. Globe, Shaftasbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5063), Mon-Fin, Spim, Sat, B. 30pm, mats Wed, Spim. Sat. 5pm. 130mins.

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planets in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's wit and wy melodies. Ysudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9887) Mon-Fri, Bpm, Sat, 8.30pm, mets Wed, 2.30pm, Sel, 5.30pm. 140mins.

I A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS; Lively parade of tuneful

oldies Good fun. Whitehell, Whitehell, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fn, Set. 8.15pm and Spm. 120mins.

LONG RUNNERS: Z Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 S972). Z Stood Bruthers: Phoenix (071-897 1044). Z Buddy: Violons Pelace (071-834 1317). Z Carmen Jones: Oid Vic (071-829 7816) Z Cats: New London (071-405 0072) Z Cats: New London (071-405 0072) Don't Dress for Disner: Apolio (071-494 5070). Z Pive Guys Named Most: Lyric (071-494 5046) R Joseph and the Amezing Technicolor Dreamcoet: Pallacium (071-494 507). Z Buddy (071-494 507). Z Lee Misérables: Pelace (071-434 0909). Z Miserables: Pelace (071-434 0909). Z The Mousemen: St Martin's (071-836 1445). Z The Pharmon of the Opera: Her Majasty's (071-494 5400). Z Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-879 5299). Z Startight Exprese: Apolio Victore (071-828 8686)

ENCHANTED APRIL (U): Four

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

Christopher Lloyd, director, Barry Sonnenteid. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelses (071-352 5095) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914569) Weet End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

AN AMERICAN TAIL: FIEVEL GOES WEST (U) Heche sequel to the 1987 enmetion hat about immigrant mice, best when it reworks Western stands. A Steven Science production, directors, Phi Nitbeank, Smon Wells

Smon Wells Cannon Futham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaze (071-497 9899) Whiteleys (071-792 ♦ BILL & TED'S BOGUS JOURNEY

♦ BILL & TED'S BOOUS JUDINIET (PG): Return of the amably stupid, time-traveling teenagers. Tiresome, over-france comedy, Keanu Reeves, Albx Winter: Director, Pete Hewitt. Camons: Chelsea (071-352 5095) Oxford Street (071-353 0310) Odeoms: Kensington (u425 914668) Marbla Arch (0426 914501) West End (0426 915574) Winteleys (071-782 3332).

THE COMMITMENTS (15): Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band Fresh, furny, and buoyanily played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker Camden Parkery (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulharm Road (071-370 2836) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzanine (0425 915683).

♦ CURLY SUE (PG), Con man and ◆ CURILY SUE (P(3), Con man and moppet win the heart of a corporate attorney. Ugly my of slepstick and sentiment, with a resistable child star (Alisan Porter) With James Belushi, Kelfy Lynch: director, John Highes. Carnonas: Haymarfist (071-638 0319) MGM.
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◆ DELICATESSEN (15): French video whozkide Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully bizarre lantasy about a houseful of tenents living above a cannibalistic butcher. Dominique Pinon, Marie-Laure Dougnaic. Gennons: Chelsea (071-352 5096)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Seats at all prices

National (Lyttelton), South Sank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight-Sel, 7 30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2 15pm, 170mms.

E MUTIMURING JUDGES: David Hare tackies our rotting legal system gaps in the contest but a powerful bout.

National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow. 7 15pm, mat today, 2pm, 165mins. ONCE A CATHOLIC: Welcome neum of Mary J. O'Melley's romping comedy about convent girls growing up between nuns and leddy boys. Tricycle, 259 Kilbum High Road, NWE (071-328 1000). Mon-Set, 8pm, mat Set, 4pm, 150mins.

Gleeful version of the old thriller; tun by Ottenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd-Webber. Shaftanhum. not Lloyd-Webber. Shafteebury, Shafteebury Avenue, WCZ (071-379 5389), Mon-Fri, 7 Jopm, 8at, 8.30m, meta Thura, 3pm, Sai, 5pm, 150mme.

Arthur Miller's deappointingly one-aded play where Tom Contrargues the case for bigirmy. Wyndhem's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mate Thura, Set, 2.30pm, 150mins.

I THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN:

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Two

TODAY S EVENTS

The Plece, 17 Dukes Road, Landon WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm. WC1 (071-397 0031), 8pm.
LECTURES: At the Victoria & Albert Museum, Dr Elieka Fuckova gives a lacture entitiad "Emperor Rudolph II au a Patrer of the Arta" in which she take about Court art in Prague in the light of its European counterparts. While over at the ICA, critic Charles Hall grees a gallery talk on the work of artist Damien Hirst (see listing below) at 7pm, and commung with the ICA's "Talking Art" series, sculptor Anthony Carre is a conversation with critic and broadcaster Tim Marlow at 7.30pm Victoria and Albert Museum (Lectura Theatre), Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938 9500), 7pm, free.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mail, London SW1 (071-930 0493).

BRUCE NAUMAN/DAMIEN NIRST:
Naumen is one of the foremost
American avant-garde arrists, using an
amazing variety of media, including film,
performance, neon, sculpture and
recently was-moulding. This show is
devoted mainly to his prints and
multiples, which offer a rough guide to
the range of his interests and projects.
Hirst is even more with in his variety
and paradiousal in his purpose. He
makes installations involving artimals
live files) or dead (severed cows'
heads), sculpture, painting, taxidermy
and even work by other artists. Hirst's
work has been described as possessing
a "squeamish pognancy"
(CA Galleries, The Mail, London SW1
(071-930 0493), Mon-Sat, midday-10pm,
Sun, midday-9pm, until February 2. BRUCE NAUMAN/DAMIEN HIRST:

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Due to it health, Klaus Tennstect has hed to pull out of lonight's concert and is out of lonight's concert and is replaced by Lorin Meazel. The programme stays the same: Brahma's Symptomy No 1, praceded by R. Strauss's Four Lest Songs (coloist Mechthid Gessendorf) and Don Juan. Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333), Spm.

Apolio Victoria (071-528 8685)

Thunderbirds F.A.B. — The Next

Generation: Ambassadore (071-886 6111) The Women in Stack: Fortune (071-836 2238).

"Time Changes" series of concerts by the Feinstein Ensemble juxtaposing chamber music from Europe, America and the Far East begins at \$1 John's with the first of three concerts. The group gives the world premieres of Effort Schwartz's Divertimento No 4, Lou Harrison's First Concerto for flute and percussion, the London premiere of Piers Heliawell's Sound Carvings, together with works by Boulez, Yocoh, and Tim Souster Premieres of new works by Justin Connolly, Leon Kirchner and Bill Connor to follow.

8x John's, Smith Square, London \$W1 (071-222 1081), 7.30pm. nber music from Europe. Ame

ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: AL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Al lunchtme today Liverpool playwright Willly Russell falses to the stage with the RLPO to namate his own version of Strawnsky's The Solder's Tale, in which he has rewritten the onginal binetto of the soldier who sells his sout to the Devil. Carol Hawlons plays the Devil, lan Christian is the Soldier, members of the orchestra are led by volunist Ken Johnson

Time takes dramatic toll

MUSIC THEATRE

The Bells Riverside

"IT IS I!" shrieks the hell-ravaged Mathias as he bursts into his tavern and slams the door on the electronic blizzard. But nobody is taken in. No. no, it is you, Philip Langridge, it is you. Though quite what you are doing in this piece of hokum one might well be wondering, were it not that the preevent publicity has been making sure we all knew the answer. With the cancellation of the English National Opera's revival of Beatrice and Benedict you found yourself with time on your hands, and so with an opportunity to work with your director son Stephen and his Greenlight Music Theatre. Nothing could be more understandable, or, as it rather has to be, forgivable.

Understanding and forgiveness are stretched somewhat more by the composer, Daryl Runswick, first for choosing this creaking piece of stage machinery, and then for doing so oddly little with it. This was, of course, the play that gave Henry Irving one of his great roles, but in the way of popular art, it has long since receded way over the horizon of comprehension. The characters have flattened to cardboard: the situation appears contrived in the most obvious way to provide a nightmare of guilt and doom for Mathias as he loses the battle to fight back memories of the murder he committed 15 years before. There must, surely, have been more to it when Irving staggered and

One reason for going back to the plece might have been to explore the distancing and desiccation it seems to have suffered. Another way, of course, could have been to camp it up like mad. But Runswick does neither of these things. He takes it very much at face value, and leaves large stretches



Murderer trapped within a nightmare of guilt and doom: Philip Langridge as the hell-ravaged Mathias ers are just performers - that we see

of it in spoken dialogue, sometimes with mildly atmospheric music for his ensemble of piano, cello, clarinet and taped synthesizer underneath, and sometimes, too, with the words delivered in notated rhythm (his note suggests rap as his source, but this excites a promise that is not fulfilled, and in any event, Stravinsky used the device in Soldier's Tale in 1918). The sung passages are mostly in allpurpose modern-opera arioso, except for some curious interventions of

Of course, the fact that the perform-

and hear Langridge, not Mathias is some indication of the present flimsiness of the Leopold Lewis play and of the misplaced caution of the musical treatment. And it is not easy to take much pleasure even in Langridge's performance when one knows this as the voice of Peter Grimes, of Tom Rakewell, of Aaron, of Idomeneo, of Orpheus. Richard Suart gives a splendid turn as the

bluff old gent required by the plot to tell us the story of the murder. The rest would probably be more than

adequate if there were anything to be adequate m.

As it is, the evening is principally a triumph of design. Nigel Lowery does wonders with minimal resources: a few bits of humiture and simple period costumes all look spectrally phosphorescent glowing in white through a game held in place throughout, and the animated puppets in the last scene show what one could by this point be doubting: that theatre can still make the flesh creep.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

OPERA

Acis and Galatea Oueen Elizabeth Hall

THE periwigs, hose and garters of the English Bach Festival's Baroque Ensemble, introduced in the late Seventies in the cause of authenticity, now seem as old-fashioned as white tie and tails. Yet it was only reasonable that the players should wear such garb for Paul Hernon's production of Han-del's Acis and Galatea. They were, after all, positioned prominently onstage, and the costumes of the cast who perched on salon chairs when not performing - were likewise those of the early 18th century. Yet these outfits, rather than

1718, made us feel like 20th-century gatecrashers in the Duke of Chandos's house. In any case, for all the delightful invention it contains. Acis is so firmly bound by the conventions of its time that one invariably feels slightly removed from ir. The carefully drawn characters and absorbing interpersonal dramas of Handel's later operas and oratorios are missing.

BOCK

Anthrax/Public Enemy

Brixton Academy

A FEW years ago, a heavy metal/rap double bill would have been un-imaginable. The styles are polar

opposites, the one the province of

suburban whites, the other of urban

blacks. The only common ground was

aggressive rhythms, is inspiring some

tentative couplings. Still, it was a surprise to find Public Enemy.

avowed black separatists, sharing a marquee with the unmistakably

the alienation from the mainstream

professed by both audiences. That, and a mutual fondness for

Hemon nevertheless seized the opportunities offered by the giant Polyphemus's clumsiness to fuel a modicum of dramatic immediacy. Indeed, until Jonathan Best stalked gawkily onto the scene in that role the evening had sadly lacked sparkle. The opening chorus had seemed badly coordinated; Sally Harrison's Galatea was sounding rather monochromatic, Richard Edgar-Wilson was portraying a rather wet Acis, and Philip Salmon's Damon was obviously holding much in reserve.

But Best exuded personality and delivered a large-voiced, humbering and even touchingly pathetic perfor mance. He triggered a response in the other singers which made them forget the work's pastoral formality and their own inhibitions and allowed them at last to explore the colours and the ensemble work suddenly and miraculously came together.

The four dancers, clad in naiad-like green, stepped and gestured with requisite elegance throughout, while David Wray, directing a little reti-cently from the harpsichord, engineered a generally neat in-strumental performance.

white, and evidently middle-class,

Or was it? Public Enemy's leader,

Chuck D, halted his show to com-

ment. Music is a universal language,

he propounded, sounding for all the world like Cliff Richard. PE were committed black nationalists but Anthrax were old friends. Those who

Fortunately, everyone liked it. The house was mainly white and unappetisingly hirsute — an Anthrax

crowd, by the look of them. (Did some Enemy fans avoid the gig to protest at

the apparent softening of Public

Enemy's militant stance?) However,

both bands were greeted with deafening approbation. If anything, the

rappers seemed to have the edge.

It was for a good reason. From their

didn't like it could . . .

It was not achieved without the

STEPHEN PETTITT

CONCERT LSO/Frühbeck de Burgos Barbican

NOT many conductors bring to Beethoven's Ninth Symphony such sharply defined rhythms and accents as did Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos in his concert with the London Symphony Orchestra. Without being unduly hard-driven, except possibly in the Scherzo movement, taken at something closer to a gallop than a canter, a properly celebratory spirit was imparted to a work that suffers more than its fair share of reverential

occasional instrumental blemish, but response was mut and disciplined. All the woodwind were at doublestrength, which made for bolder and brighter contrasts of texture, not least because the strings were burnished to a degree that made loud unison passages thrilling in attack without losing the value of cantabile playing elsewhere.

In my experience the Adagio movement has expressed more depth of

entrance, heralded by the sound of

police sirens, to the abrupt denoue-

ment an hour later, Public Enemy

were relentlessly fierce. The guerrilla

image was heightened by the pres-

ence of four men, attired in to-the-

bunker combat gear, standing atrigid attention behind the rappers.
This was the "bodyguard" unit,
Security of the First World. The effect
was satisfactorily intimidating.

On LP. Public Enemy lyrics are the complex mainspring of their sound. Live, the words were condensed and

transformed into chunks of rhythm.

Rappers Chuck D and Flavor Flav

assaulted songs headlong, rendering them identifiable only by their tunes.

This reductive process resulted in a

noise that really could only be described as noise, yet which was

creases have not been smoothed our quite so blankly as here, but it was in line with a notable lack of false sentiment throughout. The bite of the and the solo singers were led by a splendid opening invocation from the baritone Erich Knodt. A glearning top line from the Czech soprano Lubica Rybarska (whose

feeling on other occasions, when the

gown looked as if it had an entire satellite receiving station clamped to one shoulden had the right joyous character, as did Ben Heppner's musically invigorating tenor, with Alfreda Hodgson holding firmly to the alto part even when somewhat

The London Symphony Chorus shirked none of the vocal demands in metriesome singing and a strong and chorus master, Stephen Westrop. They had their chance to shine expressively as well as dramatically in a poised and nicely shaped account of Brahms's Song of Destiny that began the programme, although sending out the audience for a 20-minute interval after only 15 minutes of music was hardly the best planning.

NOEL GOODWIN

informed by, a purely hypnotic best Anthrax, on the other hand, posessed all of PE's drawbacks (too loud, too sexist) and few of their merits. They are considered to be less primeval than the average metal group. But it was hard to deduce why. One thrashy song blended seemlessly into the next, their inordinate length emphasised by the ticking of a large skull-and-crossbones clock sidestage.
Things only perked up when Anthrax
were joined by Public Enemy for an encore of their collaborative single, "Bring the Noise". At that point Pe more welcome injunction would have been "remove the noise"

- CAROLINE SULLIVAN

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6.00 Ceefar (54115) 5.30 BBC Breakfast News (60387405)

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8.30 Regional News magazines (221) Northern Ireland: Neighbours

2.00 Metch of the Day — The Boad to Wembley, Live coverage of the postponed FA Cup, third round match at Elland Road between Lects United and Manchester United (88486)

2.00 Mind O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (6467).

Young Winston: Churchill, right, with his mother (9.30pm)

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 OchOICE: Having set out the life of Sir Wigston Churchill in point, the historian Martin Gilbert now offers a four-part television version. Glibert's method in his multi-volume biography was to collect and sort the material and present it targety without comment. He takes the same approach here Churchill offers plenty of information but is short on analysis. It tells us what Churchill did but setdom explains why. Toright's opening programme, covering the years 1874 to 1940, also suffers from trying to cram too much into too abort a space. Big events are dismissed in a few seconds and there is no time to fill in the wider context. The film is attenued no the languistic level. There are

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er Trak: The Next Generation. While investigating the erratic orbit of an asteroidal moon the crew receive a surprise visit from the mischievous Q. Staring Patrick Stewart and guest Whoopl Goldberg: (Cesfax) (627405)

6.50 DEF it begins with Reportage. Britain has a host of localised youth tribes. Why do young people create their own styles, language and in groups? (280283) 7.30 Repido. Antoine de Caunés stroduces music by the Levelers, Apache Indian and

8.80 The Day the World Changed (b/w).

© CHOICE: The actor and director Steven Berkoff launches a series of ten-minute personal essays on dates that have echoed Series at ter-minute personal essays on dates that have echoed down history. His choice is November 7, 1938 when a 17-year-old down history. His choice is November 7, 1938 when a 17-year-old down his boy entered the German embassy in Paris, pulled out a gun and shot dead the third secretary. Hershel Grynspan was a German Jaw who had seen his family and his race persecuted by the Nazisu-jetwas, says Berkoff, taking his revenge in the only way he knew. But the assassination gave Hitler the excuse he wanted to step up his anti-jewish programme. Grynspan's action led immediately to Kristalinacht, when gangs rampaged Germany smashing Jawish shops, homes and synegogues, and in the longer ran to the Holocausi. But for Berkoff the boy is still a hero. Shot appropriately in black and white, the tilm is vivid challenging Shot appropriately in black and writte, the film is vivid, challenging and passionate (714689)



The triumph of Gothie Manchester Town Hall (8.10pm)

Timewatch: Battle of the Styles.

CHOICE: Bryan Benjamin's film traces the architectural debate that raged in Victorian England between the rival merits of classical and Gotho, it was more than just a matter of taste, Benjamin's thesis, Ruminating if a chacle simplistic, is that the styles were rooted in the culture of class. The landed aristocracy, educated at their public achools in the glories of Greece and thoma normalistic description. The district commercial and industrial Rome, promoted classicism. The rising commercial and industrial middle class favoured a return to the Middle Ages and Gothic, Chemploned by John Ruskin, Gothic prevailed, notably in the new Houses of Parliament and in Manchester Town Hell, a grandiose expression of commercial civic pride. Not everyone re the part. Joseph Pactor's glass and iron Crystal Palace was neither Gothic nor classical but an attempt to find a contemporary style. As a postscript Benjamin suggests parallels with the arguments set off by the Prince of Wales in his attack on modernism (932370):

8.00 Film: Pennsnent Record (1988) starring Alan Boyce and Kesnu

Place Permanent Record (1905) starring Asin Boyce and Namu.

Recives. A high school student's suicide deviastates his classmatter, perfocularly one good friend who struggles to come to terms with the tragedy. Well-meaning youth drame, capably directed by Maries Silver (5738) 10.30 Newshight with Peter Snow (348009) 11.15 The Late Show. Includes a profile of the *Independent's* arts

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9.25 Keynotes. Music game show hosted by Alistair Divail (6432912) 9.55 Thames News (6014738) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion (5151202) 10.40 This Morning. Home and family interest magazine (3245757) 12.10 Affects. For the young (s) (9630554) 12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (5298370) 1.10

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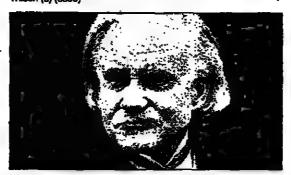
2.20 Graham Kerr Today's recipe is for a healthy version of champorodi guava, a high-calorie dessert (92234329) 2.50 Take the High Road. Soap set in the Scottish Highlands (5602383) 3.15 TTN News headlines (4860592) 3.20 Thames News headlines (4867405) 3.25 The Young Doctors (6126844)
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5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) (513739) 5.55 Thames Help. The work of hospital volunteers (395738) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (739) 6.30 Thames News (Oracle)

7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs an emotional surprise on another unsuspecting worthy (1554)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (573)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. For this last in the series the entertainer is joined by the veteran comedian Bob Hope, singer Tom Jones, Richard Branson, the boss of Virgin, and singer/dancer Jodie Wilson (s) (6950)



Welsh wizard: Ian Bannen stars as Lloyd George (9.00pm)

 CHOICE: It is unfortunate that this documentary drams about CHOICE: It is unfortunate that this documentary drama about the Angio-Irish treaty of 1921 has been scheduled against the BBC's Winston Churchill biography. Both programmes are likely to appeal to the same audience and Churchill himself was a leading player in the Irish negotations. A co-production between British and Irish television companies, The Treaty is a fair-minded attempt to identify the roots of the current Ulster tragedy by showing the complex process by which the Protestant-dominated north became finally detached from the Catholic south. Although more background explanation might have been useful, the narrative moves crisply and brings out the several shades of opinion on each side with the wity Lloyd George and the pragmatic De Valera trying to hold the centre. In a curious piece of casting the Weish wizard Lloyd George is played by the Scottleh actor, lan Barnen

(continues after the news) (3486)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Julis Somerville. (Oracle) Weather (17950) 10.30 Thamas News (925757)

10.40 The Treaty continued (6058757).

11.45 Film: Shatter (1974) starring Street Whitman and Paler Cushing. Frantic lung-fu adventure from the Hammer study above the appropriate state of expectations.

professional assassin who returns to Hong Kong after a successful idling to discover that he has been double-crossed. Directed by Michael Carreras (138090)

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 2.10 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (86328448).
 3.40 Stephen King's This is Horror, includes interviews with the makers of The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, Poltergelst, Litetorce and The invaders From Mars (84058652).
 4.10 Along the Cotsworld Way. Citive Gunnell spends a day at the races and also meets the founder of the Sealed Knot Society (r) (71317010).

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4.49 Fifty Years On, Archive film from January 1942 (38315500)
5.00 Witness to Survival. Two more stories of individuals' survival against the odds (33968)
5.30 JTN Morning Neura with Tim Nelson (53603). Ends at 8.00

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily (6663660) 9.25 Schools (75750846)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Nicholes Owen

(14863) 12.30 Business Daily. The latest news from the world's money markets (40776)

1.00 Setame Street Early learning series (38931)
2.00 Films Major Barbara (1941, b/w) starring Wendy Hiller, Rex Harrison and Robert Morley. Stagey, strongly-acted version of George Bernard Shaw's social cornedy about the headstrong daughter of an armaments millionaire who joins the Salvation Army only to resign after they accept a donation from her father Directed by Gabriel Pascal and, uncredited, Harold French and David Lean (887080)

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game

presented by Richard Whiteley (486) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Roseanne Barr reveals why she no longer wants to use her family name (r) (1069554)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version (386080)
6.00 Kata and Allie American comedy series starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin as divorcess sharing single parenthood and a Greenwich Valage home (979) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests include the Joshua Trio

and John Healy, a former vagrant, now an author and the subject BBC 2's opening Screen Two film, *The Grass Arena*, to be shown on Sunday (s) (931)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)

(463889) 7.50 Comment (672979)

8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (8844)
8.30 Travelog. Actor/writer Patrick Barlow and his teenage sons travel

9.00 Dispatches. A report on how artificially created animals and plants are becoming the property of the companies that develop them — with hardly any public notice or scrutiny (685221)



Prightened of Aids: Richard Dormer and Gary Kernn (9.45 nm)

8.45 He-Play: Accentuate the Positive, by Bryan Scott. Aids drams. about two men, neither of whom is suffering from the disease, who allow the fear of it to damage and then destroy their relationship. Starring Gary Kemp and Richard Dormer (551824)

16.00 The Golden Girls. Crackling comedy series about four Miami matrons looking for excitement in their lives. (Teletext) (s) (15592)

10.30 The Secret Cabaret with Simon Drake. A new series of magic,

mystery and illusion presented by Simon Drake. Tonight's guests include Ricky Jay, David Berglas, Max Maven and Enrica (91912) 11.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. A repeat of the topical television

newsroom comedy series (s) (7950) 11.30 The 291 Club. Showbiz hopefuls face a hostile audience at

London's Hackney Empire (58080) 12.30am Tonight with Jonathan Rose (r) (s) (1147968) 12.55 Dick Spanner. Series created by Gerry Anderson of *Thunderbirds*about the exploits of New York's coolest private detective

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(Scherzo capriccioso, Op 66); Prokofiev (Dence of the Girls from Antilla, Romeo and

Juliet), Rachmeninov (Symphonic Dences, Op 45)

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Handel (Overture, Lotario;
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Tamerlano, Act III; Concerto
grosse in C. minor, Op. 8 No. 8;
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Act III, Sonata in D. Op. 1 No.
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9.35 Michweek Choice, with Susan
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L'amante impetiente, Op 82);

ssini (Duet in D for cello

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Abbado performs Prokofiev (Suite, Lieutenant Kijé, Op 60; Piano Concerto No 1 in D flat.

Op 10. Andrei Gavrilov): Torsakovsky (Symphony No 4 in F minor, Op 36)

1,00pm News 1,05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London, Robert Thompson, bassoon,

and Scherzo, Op 35 Nos 8

and 9) 2.00 Record Review (f)

3.10 Vintage Years; Maurice Duruffé, the composer,

conductor and organist.

Op 86) 11.40 Berim PO under Claudio

dismissed in a few seconds and there is no time to fall in the wider context. The fam is stronger on the anecdotal level. There are revealing contributions from Churchil's family and secretaries and a clinner guest tells how he writched his host doneuming a streak and isdney ple, a cigar, a glass of brandy and a chicoclate, all more or less at the seme time. (Ceefact (17554)

10.30 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Football: highlights from longht's FA Cup third round replays and the game at Elland Road between Leeds United and Marchester. United, Rugby Union: a preview of the five nations championship which begins at the weekend when England return to the scene of their World Cup reimi-final intemptr at Alumeyfield in they play the Calcutat Gup minor against Scotland (90592): 12.99 Wealther (9159555). (24580177) 5.10-5.80, Sphilinger TVS. -- 1 HTV WEST

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wined and direct by Richard Gere (99080) 10,00 Pick-e-Rick: Pythons on Parade (343405). Viewers can ring 0998 500172 to choose either Erik the Viking (1989) starms Tim Robbins; Nuns on the Run (1990): Eric

5.55 Weather
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5.30 The House: The seventh of eight political dramas by Christopher Lee (r)

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the Christian church from the end of the Middle Ages to the present day (3 of 10) (s) 9.30 Kaleldoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight confidential helpline on 0800 850500 from 11am-2pm and 8-10pm, Incl 11.00 News

occupied Channel Islands (s) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

Sherlock Holmes; The Yellow Face. The second of six stories featuring Sir Arthur Coran Doyle's detective. Holmes (Clive Merrison)

investigates a hideous apparition that is ruining the lives of a happily married lives of a happily married couple (s)

2.47 A Short History of the Cold Shower: Women and Liberated Women. Dr John Post examines sexual advice given over the past 100 years (3 of 4) (s) (r)

3.00 News; File on 4 (r)

3.42 The Parts: Carol Vorderman loosens the nuts and boths of

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4.08 News
4.08 Kaleidosope: Merk Steyn meets the indian film director Mira Neir, and reviews the actress Jodie Foster's directorial film debut, Little Man Tatle (s)
4.45 Short Story: The World and Other Places, by Jeanette Winterson
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.50 Weather

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r) 8.00 Medicine Now (r) 8.30 Rosie Revisited: Rosie

a coma for seven months, she Berbera Myers looks at the first year of her recovery (r) 9.00 Protestors for Paradise: Brian Rechead traces the history of

(s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book of Bedtime: Poodle
Springs, by Raymond
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11.00 Murder Most Foul: The Wheels of Justice, Nick Ross introduces the first of sox murder cases where forensic evidence helped to trap the murderer (s) (t)

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nts, and Lawrence Mitchead of Nuffield College. 9.15 French Song: Simon Keenlyside, baritone, Malcolm Martineau, piano, perform Debussy (Dans le jardin; Les Angelus; Beau soir, Voici que le printemps); Poulenc (Le Travail du peintre); Debuss (Trois Ballades de Villon) 10.00 Music in Our Time: London Sinfoniette under Arturo

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8.00 Land of the Lime Tree: Songs and dances from Slovenia

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Artist defends Mickey Mouse in the Gulf





Under fire: Mr Keane, left, at his studio yesterday, and, above, the Mickey Mouse picture which has angered relatives of those who fought in the Gulf

JOHN Keane, the Gulf War artist, whose paintings of the conflict have caused upset and outrage, yesterday chal-lenged his critics to see the full exhibition before condemn-

The paintings, which go on display at the Imperial War Museum in March, have been described by relatives of those injured or killed in the Gulf as "an insult". However, Mr Keane said: "I think the reaction is a little premature." The work which has sparked the most furious reaction, Mickey Mouse at the Front, features the Disney character sitting grinning on what appears to be a toilet in the sand next to a shopping trolley full of anti-tank

But Mr Keane, aged 37, of Highbury, north London, said: "If, unfortunately,

only say there is no reason for them to be upset. It is not The paintings are done as my response to what I witnessed when I was there. I found it a profoundly disturbing ex-

Mickey Mouse at the Front could lead to legal action by Walt Disney, whose execu-tives are deciding if the paint-ing infringes the company's strict copyright rules.

summarised in We Are Making A New World Order, which takes as its starting point the title of Nash's most famous image. Keane's picture, bordered by dollar bills, shows a GI standing in a horrifyingly ruined landscape. Burning oil wells fill the horizon with noxious smake They reappear in the colossal The Legacy, which shows people rejolcing in post-liberation Ruwalt. Amid the cheering crowds, a smiling mother lifts a child's hand skywurds The small fingers ciutch a gun,

conflict. ken work will retain a painful, acrid relevance long after the events he records have receded into history.

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Political sketch

Keeping track of good old Sid

"MAY I first," said the prime minister, "on a nonulate the honourable mem-ber on his 75th birthday today!" He was speaking to dear old Sydney Bidwell, the veteran Labour member for Ealing, Southall. There was a great cry of

Sid, as he is known, is a former railwayman who re-members steam, speed and the Great Western as if it were yesterday. The days may be gone when at the end of every goods train came a guard in a van with a brazier, flags and a red oil-lamp: and Labour's par-liamentary train may have moved on. But the elderly member for Southall is still there, hitched on and trundling along, waving genially from the last wagon.

In his spare time Mr an amateur artist of the primitive school, and gives exhibitions. In many ways the Grandma Moses of his generation. Grandpa Syd-ney's talent has been prolific. We imagine that, by now, a Bidwell hangs in the front room of scores of lucky constituents in Sou-thall. Bidwells adoru, no doubt, many of his col-

Sid's intention at PM's questions yesterday was to rumble on a bit, more in sorrow than in anger, at Mr Major's plans to make the railways pay. Mr Bidwell does not regard the pursuit of profit as compatible with the honour of a railwayman's vocation. He rose, a little stiffly but with a digni-

ty befitting his years, and prepared to rumble... "Give it to 'em. Sid!" shouted one anonymous colleague. Mr Bidwell rumbled a while and sat down. another. Mr Major was

Then came the surprise birthday greeting: a sort of John-o-gram. Sid looked delighted, and both men grinned. If there had been a birthday cake and the prime minister had started to sing, it would have sarprised few. Mr Major may possibly have said something about the railways then, but it slips the memowas the important bit. It was not a political moment. Michael Brown (C. Brigg

& Cleethorpes) tried to create a political moment. An American company was to invest in his constituency

bringing 800 jobs, and Mr

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preciation. It was deafening Though (it is true) the MP did "ask" for further quiry only in the sense that "are we downkearted?" is an enquiry: the aim being to elicit from his leader a hearty "hell, no." lhea Fisoloste

Instead he got a sort of in all the circumstances I suppose that's a considerable encouragement to you, coupled with an un-dertaking to write to him with further details. It was an illustration of Mr Major's rejuctance to engage with the hollering match. It contrasts with Mrs

gage with anything else. We know that Mr Major's predecessor began her day by committing to memory any available statistic with which to zap her enemies. But Mr Major starts by learning all their birthdays by heart. The PM's pocket diary must be a profusion ple's birthdays, anniversa-ries, or the dates when their loved ones enter hospital for minor operations. It is a carry on running the country while emotionally ravaged by such a miscellary of others joys and sorrows. Tuesday 14 January dis-cussed election budget w.ch. of exchar. — prepared for chairing of UN sec. co. — congratulated Sid B on his

Still, he can add ".. dispatched Neil K". When you consider the things that do occur to our party leaders, it's amazing the things that don't. John Major has been Chancellor of the Exche-quer. He has constructed budgets. He knows that governments do not reveal these in advance. He is hardly likely, in Central Africa or anywhere else, to have said, before a budget and a general election, that a tax cut would be "fool's

So when yesterday Neil Kinnock confronted the prime minister with this re-Zimbabwe, we concluded that either Mr Major had gone bonkers and given Harare a sifeat preview of grabbed the wrong end of a very big stick. Mr Major grabbed another and beat him ceremogiously over the head with it. Sid-watched,

MATTHEW PARRIS

Tarres Section

BY RICHARD CORK

WHEN Paul Nash visited the Westdecided that his work should convey the "bitter truth" of the horrors he witnessed. John Keane was driven by a similar need after returning from his five-week period as Nash's present-day successor in the Gulf War. "The environmental damage which I saw in Kuwait just after the liberation made me think of Nash's

paintings," he said. produced since his return transmit his feelings with raw, uninhibited vigour. Working in a swift and urgent manner, directly expressed in the rough and, at times wild, handling of pigment, Keane was determined to escape from a bland vision of war. His titles are scrawled across the surface of the paintings

'Coward' conveys bitter truth

images are equally blunt and

However bizarre and hallucinatory his images may appear, they all arise from Keane's alert observations while wandering round the front line. In one large painting, called *The Death Squad*, four soldiers walk through the desert with scarves tied tightly round their selves from the stench of the body inside the bag they are carrying, and their sunglasses disguise the emotion they must feel.

Keane, by contrast, does not flinch from exposing his emotions. "I'm not a pacifist, I'm a coward," he said, and his fear is vividiy conveyed in a painting entitled Portrait of the

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Artist in a Gas Alert. Sitting in a lorry with the mask clamped on his face, Keane waits for the threatened attack. Only his eyes are visible, but they are enlarged with terror.

A postcard reproduction of Sargent's celebrated painting from the first world war, Gassed, has been stuck upside down on the canvas. In Sargent's picture, the blinded, helplessly vomiting victims of a gas towards the dressing station. Keane knew that a similar fate could easily have befallen the soldiers whose company he shared near the Kuwait

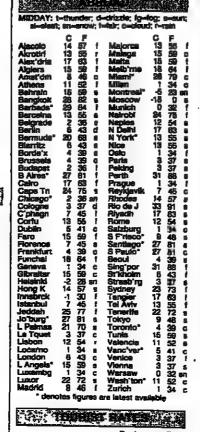
Time and again, Keane was aware of government censorship at the front. In a Freedom of the Press, a cameraman attempts to film the

but he is flanked like a prisoner by two soldiers, and another official holds up an arm to prevent him filming the annihilation beyond.

No such constraints hampered Keane back in his London studio. The most openly distressing work he produced is a triptych, Askes to Ashes, where three appallingly charred corpses sprawl in the bloodthickest and most churned here. vividly expressing the hideous degradation of bodies incinerated beyond recognition. "I only saw one dead figure lying in the desert at a distance," he admitted, but it was clearly enough to sum up the human cost of the war.

The financial cost is pithlly

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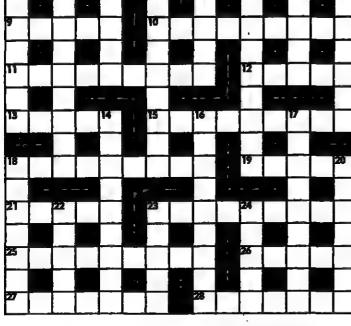
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- 18 Steady when fired on by mistake 19 Leftthespotabouttogofishing(5). 21 Young girl gets America alight (5).
- 23 Steal a friend's crockery (4.5). Solution to Puzzle No 18,814



- 25 Two men from Australia (9). 26 It's ashen, or possibly ashy (5). 27 A flax product processed in Leeds 28 Tried to look round a ship a day

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- mom (9). 16 Regulationnumberoneintheartillery (9). 17 Extensively and enthusiastically . . . (2.1.3,3).
- 18 . . plot mischief and plague (7). 20 Got to know poet by a diminutive of his name (7). 22 A scholar and a politician (5). 23 Drunk - curse the binge (5).
- 24 A lot of soldiers take heart, we hear Concise crossword, page 17

Tomorrow - Qualifier puzzle for The Times LaterCity Crossword Championship. 1992.

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THE WORLD WATELENING

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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Chairman chosen and chief executive sought

Ill health forces Fisons chief to step down

lution was expected. Both in-

entirely. Mr. Kerridge was "incommunicado indefinite-

ly" last night, according to

Fisons, and not at the Ipswich

headquarters. Compensation

The company is denying

market rumours that Mr

Kernige had come under

pressure to split the roles because of its troubles. Mr

Egan said the decision had

been made in view of the

former chairman's impend-

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directors, including Mr Egan

and Sir Philip Harris, the

carpet retailer. A Pisons state-

that there has been no pres-

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erms are being agreed.

JOHN Kerridge has quit abruptly from the helm of Fisons, the pharmaceuticals and garden products group, blaming ill-health. Mr Kerridge, aged 57, was

chairman, chief executive and the main architect of the revival in the company's fortunes during the Eighties

The company was insisting last night that there was only a tangential link between Mr Kerridge's departure and the company's recent woes. canned last month by news of a £65 million hole in profits this year because of problems with the American regulatory authorines.

Mr Kerridge has had a slight heart problem and had been suffering from high blood pressure. Patrick Egan, the non-executive director who is taking over as execu-tive chairman, said: "This obviously got progressively worse over the course of the last months. I'm not a medical man, but I would have thought it was not unaffected by the stress he's had in recent times because of the downturn in profits."

Mr Egan conceded last night that the search for a new chief executive had only just begun and no swift reso-





- David Coleridge chairman of Lloyd's, has promised no sacred cows of the insurance market. Today sees the fourth attempt at reform, if not survival Page 25

RATNERS TALKS

Ratners directors were in talks last night over whether to continue paying a dividend on the US preference shares Page 23

OIL SLIPPING



Oil production in the former Soviet Union will fall again this year but pressure is still on Opec's Jibril Aminu to cut output Page 22

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REVITALISED .

Howden Group, the . engineer, is back from the dead with interim profits of £5.8 i million (£214,000) Tempus, page 24

HANDSHAKE



Derek Lewis, received a £579,550 payoff from Granada Institutional shareholders have expressed concern.

> aire was yesterday winding down the business while strengthening other ac-

ternal and external candidates were being considered. Mr Egan added that late last year, Mr Kerridge had accepted in principle a split in his roles, and the company started the search for a new chief executive before his condition deteriorated further over the Christmas and new year period. Medical advice at the start of the this year had been that he should leave the company

the transformation of Fisons into a higher margin pharmacentical business from une best known for its horticultural and gardening products.

An attempt to find a chief executive four years ago came to nothing, and the candidates were not even presented to the non-executive directors. Mr Kerridge did not al-

ways enjoy a good relation-ship with the City, and the company's fading fortunes were not helped by apparent ly contradictory statements to caused by the American regulatory authorities.

chief executive had been. Problems came to a head made by the non-executive ment said: The board wishes it to be clearly understood

him to take this course. SONS OUTPACED Jul, Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

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believe there had been some hehind-the-scenes lobbying for a split in the roles, given the difficulties the company had fallen from above £5 in July to a 293p low on Decemher 27. Yesterday, they continued to rally, up 11p to 365p, 18p ahead since Mon-

day morning.

Mr Kerridge engineered

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on December 11 with news of a ban on two drugs, Opticrom, a hay fever medicene, and imferon, a blood product, that would his this year's profits. The company allegations that included the soggestion that Imieron had been stored in



Threat of strike drives down mark

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

against the dollar, as well as the pound and other ERM currencies, after IG Metall, the German metalworkers union, announced a formal strike ballot in support of its

10.5 per cent pay demand.
Although IG Metall's announcement was widely expecied, it hit the German currency hard in a day of hectic trading, driven by many confosing factors, in-cluding a small rise in Span-ish interest rates, and slightly weaker than expected economic statistics published in America and Britain.

By the end of trading in: London, the pound had risen to almost DM2.85 from its Monday close of DM2.8380, while the dollar stood at DM1.5970, up more than 1 per cent on the day.

In Britain, the Central Sta-Nation) Office announced tha output prices for manufactured goods rose in December by 0.1 per cent, giving a year-on-year increase of 5.0

THE mark fell sharply cent in November. Excluding food, drink and tobacco, the so-called "underlying" rate of producer inflation fell to 3.8 per cent from 4.0 per

> In America, the commerce department announced that retail sales fell by 0.4 per cent in December, compared with expectations of a 0.3 per cent

However, financial markets showed no reaction to these figures, responding instead to rumours that the private University of Michigan survey, due out this week, will show a surge in American consimer confidence.

The mark was also weak ened by an unexpected decision by the Bank of Spain to lift its key repo rate to 12.65 per cent from 12.5 per cent. Dealers said the move supported the pesets by making thorities were determined to keep their currency strong.

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Stakis unveils £47m loss

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ANDROS Stakis, deposed chief executive of the Stakis leisure group built up by his father, is to share a £700,000 compensation payment for lack of office with two other former directors of the com-

The payment will be detailed in the group's accounts. which are due out within

Sir Lewis Robertson, the company doctor brought in as chairman of the group in March, unveiled a pre-tax loss of £47.4 million for the year to end-September, and warned shareholders that they were unlikely to see the group fulfil its full potential in

the current year. Sir Lewis said he had taken strong corrective action and implemented a recovery strategy since his appointment.
This aims to concentrate on hotels and healthcare as the core businesses, divest some leisure activities and withdraw from commercial prop-

In December, the management team was boosted by the appointment of David Michels, previously with Hilton International, as chief executive of the company. The pre-tax loss included £43.7 million of exceptional costs and provisions. Pre-tax profits last time were £30.6 million. Sir Lewis said the comparisons were distorted by the inclusion of £18 million

vious year's results. He said: "These distorting factors aside, it is the case, in common with most of the leisure industry, that Stakis experienced a marked downturn in trading almost throughout the year, especial-

of disposal profits in the pre-

ly in hotels and property. Turnover rose from £150 million to £171 million, and the loss per share was 16.74p, against earnings of 12.1p. A final dividend of 0.45p will be paid, making 0.9p for the

year, down from 2.7p.
Sir Lewis said the dividend reflected the directors' confidence in the underlying strength of the group and its potential for future developgard for the need to conserve cash resources.

The group has withdrawn its casinos from sale after it

proved impossible to sell them at an acceptable price. They will be retained for their strong cash flow. The sale of the Scottish public houses. and the disposal of the chain of English Firkin public houses, raised £30 million, which has been used to reduce debt.

Sir Lewis said the group's main bankers had given assurances of appropriate support and a standstill agreement to end in March 1992 had been accepted by all Stakis' bankers.

The hotel division made profits of £7.2 million. against £27.6 million, which included £16.8 million of disposal profits. Healthcare improved its profits from £1.53 million to £1.97 million, and the leisure division profits grew from £8.75 million to £9.64 million. Property made a loss of £1.11 million, compared with profits of £2.94 million. The sale of the division has been inated Land & Estates, an outside specialist.

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Heaton takes over at panel

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

FRANCES Heaton, a former Treasury official who has spent the past ten years in the corporate finance department of Lazard Brothers, is to be the next director general of the City's takeover panel. She will take over from Geoffrey Barnett, who returns to Barings, on March 11, on the usual two-year secondment.

Mrs Heaton said that regulating the conduct of takeovers, which requires quick decision making, was halfway between a public and private sector job and would allow her to deploy her experience in both camps. She defended takeovers as an important instrument for effecting management change but predicted the next phase would be more industrially and commercially oriented.

She said: "Takeovers got a bad name because of the wave of financially oriented bids." Mis Heaton was appointed by and will report to Sir David Calcutt, the panel chairman.

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Predicting change: Frances Heaton, director general

Court puts **BCCI** into

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of Credit and Commerce International was formally put into liquidation at the High Court in London yesterday, as talks continue with Abu Dhabi on a compensation package.

The Bank of England apphed for the winding up order and was unopposed. Sir Donald Nicholls, the Vice-Chancellor, said the bank was plainly and hopelessly insolvent". Touche Ross, the liquidator, said later it hoped the compensation plan would be announced soon. This will involve a \$3 billion injection by Abu Dhabi and should refund depositors up to 40 per cent of their losses.

The winding-up also triggers the Bank of England deposit protection scheme to compensate the 38,000 British depositors, with a maximum payout of £15,000 each.

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Botnar runs down Nissan

BY KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

OCTAV Bomar is dismantling the remains of his Nissan UK company as the Japanese motor manufacturer yesterday ordered him to remove its logos from his 150 dealerships.

Nissan Motor (GB), the company set up by the Japanese manufacturer to take over distribution of Nissan cars from Nissan UK, has told Mr Botnar that his garages cannot now use the Nissan title or badges. Nissan UK was Europe's most successful independent dealership chain

distribution agreement with Mr Botnar last year. Mr Botnar fought the decision through the courts. However, the German multi-million-

until the Japanese severed a 21-year-old

tivities to keep his 4,000 staff employed and his headquarters at Worthing, East Sussex, operational.

Although Nissan UK was the core business, employing about 350 people, Mr Botnar's operation includes AFG. the dealer chain, AFS, a finance company, a fleet leasing business and industrial machine supply arm.

AFS, the £400 million finance company, has 300,000 customers and has ust negotiated security worth £250 million to assure its future, until at least 1996. AFG is the most troublesome, business, with only 20,000 new Nissan cars carried over from last year still to sell. When they have gone, many AFG garages will be left with only used cars unless they can find another franchise. Peugeot and Rover have taken over a ber of AFG dealerships and a mix of closures, restructuring and new franchises will account for the rest in the name and reputation."

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next few months. Mr Botnar is confident that Nissan UK staff will be absorbed by his other businesses.

Mr Botnar built his empire by importing Japanese cars in the Sixties, when they were regarded as little more than a joke. Within 20 years, he was selling 100,000 Nissan cars and vans a year in Britain, making it the biggest European market for the Japanese manufacturer.

A series of rows over pricing led to the Japanese starting its own distribution company, using 150 new dealers. Nissan Motor (GB) is anxious to pro-mote its new network, leading to the decision to prevent Mr Botnar from advertising any links with Nissan. Akio Sumitomo, Nissan Motor's managing director, said: "We regret the

necessity to take this firm action but our

new dealers and customers will see it as

a responsible move to protect Nissan's

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RETAIL PRICES

IEA predicts oil output fall in former Soviet states

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OIL production in the former bpd last year. The agency ex-Soviet Union fell to 10.4 million barrels per day last year. down 9.5 per cent from 1990 and down 17.7 per cent from the 1988 peak, according to the International Energy

The IEA also forecast that output from the new Com-monwealth of Independent States would average 9.5 million bpd this year. November output was 10 million bpd and December production was expected to be about 100,000 bpd below that.

The agency said it could not forecast the amount of oil available for export this year because of political changes and uncertainties over the economy and domestic demand for fuel.

The IEA's latest monthly oil

market report estimates that

world demand for oil will grow

0.75 per cent in 1992. Global

demand is expected to average 66.8 million bpd this year, compared with 66.3 million

Weak demand, page 10

pects demand to drop 2.6 mil-lion bpd between the first and

second quarters of the year, which will put a burden on

Jibril Aminu, president of the Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries, to cut output and stop oil prices fall-ing further, after hitting 11-

month lows in the past week.

Opec meets in Geneva on Feb-

ruary 12 to decide second-

The IEA said Opec produc-

tion averaged 24.2 million

bpd in December. The agency

expects a third quarter call of 23.3 million bpd and 25.6

million in the fourth quarter.

Oil prices slipped back yes-terday with February Brent

trading 8 cents lower at

\$17.87 a barrel, partly offset-

ting Monday's gains. Traders

remain concerned about over-

production by Opec and the

threat of a resumption of oil

exports by Iraq.

quarter output levels.



Under pressure: Jibril Aminu, Opec president

British Gas nears MMC enquiry deadline

BY MARTIN WALLER

BRITISH Gas was last night continuing a game of brinkmanship with the Office of Fair Trading over the looming threat of an investigation by the Monopolies and Merg-

The OFT has indicated it

with the company over attempts to inject more competition into the industry, where British Gas has a virtual monopoly, or the matter will go to the MMC.

British Gas has already agreed to reduce its share of the profitable industrial market from 90 to 40 per cent

bution network into an independently-trading subsidiary. The board, however, is insisting on a change to the

regulatory regime governing the domestic market, which the OFT believes it is powerless to grant, before the company will sign the agreement. British Gas has asked for a relaxation of the stiff new price regime governing the domestic market, expected to come into effect on April 1. Ofgas, the regulator, has refused, taking the view that the company knew of the ueeze on profits from industrial business when it agreed the price framework. British Gas wants to appeal that re-

Nobo falls to £62,000 at half time

By PHILIP PANGALOS

NOBO Group, the visual aids and office equipment con-cern, has cut its interim dividend to 1p (2.42p) after first-half profits collapsed in "some of the poorest trading conditions known in the history of the group".

Pre-tax profits slumped to £62,000 (£1.29 million) in the half year to end-October, on turnover down 22.8 per cent to £9.92 million. Earnings plunged to 0.06p (7.93p) per share. Roger Colvin, chief executive, said sales were affected by reduced demand

and further destocking. The decline in profits was exacerbated by a £227.000 exceptional charge, relating to compensation paid to Col-in Smith, a former managing director who left in November. The company said his departure was a result of "the group's policy of consolidating management and containing future costs". Mr Colvin defended the move, saying savings from Mr Smith's departure amount to £170,000 a year. In addition, Reg Barr, executive chairman, will become non-executive chairman and director with immediate effect, resulting in his salary being halved

to £50,000. Mr Colvin is "cautiously optimistic" about prospects, following increased activity from the group's customers. "I think we are over the worst," he added. He said invoiced sales in October were encouraging, with the trend continuing in November and December. The

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Barbour Index bucks the trend with £2.8m

BARBOUR Index, which provides specialist information to the construction and health and safety industries, is raising its interim dividend to 2.4p (2.2p) as it continues to buck the trend, lifting taxable profits to £2.78 million (£2.66 million) in the six months to end-October. Turnover edged to £7.17 million (£6.94 million).

The Barbour Compendium, a leading reference manual to the construction industry, increased its profits despite 2 "marginal decline" in its renewal rate to about 80 per cent. Market conditions remain difficult and Jack Dunn, the chief executive, said: "It's still tough going, but it's certainly not getting any worse." The company is sitting on cash of E3.7 million. Earnings per share climbed to 11.1p (10.5p). The shares closed 12p higher at 191p.

Bucknall in the red

BUCKNALL Group, the quantity surveyor and project manager, fell into losses at the halfway stage, as forecast by the company in October. Losses before tax for the six months to end-October were £752,000, compared with a profit of £542,000 for the corresponding period in 1990. Turnover fell from £10.4 million to £8.6 million. There is no interim dividend (1.3p), but the directors have pledged to restore payment "as soon as possible". The final dividend will be reviewed after the year-end. Gearing at halfway stage was 68 per cent, compared with a year-end position of 129 per cent.

Estate agent plunges

AN increased emphasis on regional and consultancy work has helped Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, the commercial estate agent and property adviser, stay in the black in the first half of the year. But the company said that the second half "will not be easy". Profits before tax for the six months to end-October collapsed from £2.05 million to £0.73 million on sharply reduced turnover of £16.6 million. The interim dividend is cut from 2.4p to 1p.

Engineer cuts payout

AEROSPACE Engineering, the specialist engineer that makes aircraft components and equipment for nuclear power stations, has cut its interim dividend to 0.5p (1.56p) after going into the red at the halfway stage. The company suffered a pre-tax loss of £271,000 in the half year to end-October, against a profit of £1.38 million last time. Turnover fell 16.8 per cent to £15.1 million, affected by the recession and destocking. Interest costs rose 21 per cent to £736,000.

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Unions attacked for threatening economy

Steelworkers in Germany set strike deadline

FROM REUTER IN FRANKFURT

GERMANY'S powerful IG Metall union yesterday gave steel employers two weeks to improve a pay offer for 130,000 sees workers or risk facing the first steel strike in more than a decade.

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oucks .

The union, however, handed German industry an olive the wage used as a basis for branch with what some economists said was an unexpectedly moderate 1992 pay demand for four million engi-

neering workers. Franz Steinkuchler, the Metall president, said the union would seek a maximum 9.5 per cent pay rise for engineers. We are deliberately not insisting on a double-digit rise, he said.

The call for a steel strike follows the breakup of talks on Monday, when IG Metall negotiators rejected an average 5.2 per cent pay rise for steelworkers backdated to November. IG Metall will ballot its members in the steel tor starts in spring. The cur-

has not held a strike since 1978-9. The union wants an immediate]. 1 per centrise in negotiations and 10.5 per

deputy president, said: "The employers are now the only ones with the ability to pre-vent industrial action." The union emphasised it was open to further talks before the strike ballot started. Union officials drew a clear

start of the engineering work-ers' talks, which began with their call for a maximum 9.5. per cent rise. The 1992 wage round in the German engineering sec-

before it can resume paying

any dividend to ordinary

shareholders. The group said

that it would pay ac final ordinary dividend for the cor-

rent year, when it forecast

losses of £72 million for the

current year.

When he was appointed last week. Mr McAdam said that the issue of whether or

not to pay the preference divi-

tion in the steel sector and the

Ratners to decide on payment of dividend in US

BY GRILLAN BOWDITCH

RATNERS Group directors, dend on the preference shares led by James McAdam, the new chairman, were in talks last night over the crucial issue of whether to continue paying the dividend on the group's American preference shares. The total payment for the financial year starting next month is expected to be

£26 million.
The urgent meeting was taking place at the same time, as the latest transhe of variable dividend preferring shares came up for author of America.

Because of prefer down

gradings' by Moodys and Standard & Poors, the American credit rating agencies, the rate of interest Ratoers would have to pay on last night's auction would be 11.25 per cent, the equivalent of 250 per cent of the American commercial paper rate.

came to auction, Retners had to pay 8.752 per cent, equivalent to 175 per cent of the American commerical paper

if Ramers decides not to pay the dividend on this tranche, which it is at liberty. to do, it will not be able to pay the dividends on any of the other preference shares as

they all have equal ranking.
Ratners has four tranches of auction market preferred stock (AMPS), each worth \$50 million, and each tranche comes up for auction every 28 days, which means there is an auction every week. The shares can only be redeemed at the option of the

If Ramers decides not to pay the dividend, it rolls up and is payable at a future date. However, Ratners will date. However, Ratners will McAdam: leading talks output and employment, he have to pay the rolled-up divi

industry from January 26 on rent agreement expires on whether they favour strike. March 31. Union officials said their demand was in-The German steel sector tended to show a reasonable, objective approach to wages, after strong criticism from the Bundesbank, employers and politicians that pay claims above 10 per cent cent more on top.
Klaus Zwickel, the union's which have come from various sectors — were economi-cally unjustifiable and could push Germany into a

> The slowing German economy carmot bear large wage rises as well as finance a recovery in eastern Germany,

critics of large pay rises say.
OETV, the public sector union, said on Tuesday that it distinction between the simawas prepared to strike to back ifs 9.5 per cent 1992 pay claim. Bank workers are planning token strikes this week to back their 10.5 per cent claim.

Herr Steinkuehler said the IG Metall claim was based on its expectations of 1992 productivity growth of 1.5 to two per cent and inflation of 4 to 4.5 per cent. The rest of the demand was to correct in part a slide in wages compared with profits.

German economists say. however, that even the 9.5 per cent claim is still too high for comfort and that unions must settle below 6 per cent if economic stability is to be maintained.

Although the economy can probably take a short strike in the steel sector in its stride, a full-blown strike in the engineering sector would be catastrophic, economists say. ☐ Jean-Claude Paye, the OECD secretary general, gave warning that jobless rates will rise further this year and he criticised rich industrial countries for their attempts to parkle the root causes of unemployment (Reoter reports from Paris).

dends was a sensitive and danglaprofile issue. The pump refused to comment on the matter last night.

Analysis were speculating last week that some of Rai-"The record so far has not been all that satisfactory," he told labour ministers at the ners' bankers were putting pressure on the group not to pay the preference dividend but that some of Ramers start of a two-day meeting in Paris. "Despite solid economic growth over a prolonged period, our labour market institutions, private sector pracdirectors were keen to pay the dividends to prevent financial tices and sovernment policies have not succeeded in There are also fears of a premobilising and using the full other classes of Ramers equisources," he said. ty if the preference dividends are not paid. With unemployment levels

unlikely to recede to 1991-levels before 1993, despite the expected economic rebound, the OECD leader said remedial measures were needed. especially to help the most needy and vulnerable. "But the fundamental challenge is to ensure these actions are consistent with the objective of fundamental reform, and do not delay, impede or imperil the adjustment that is needed to provide the basis for sustained growth of employment," he said.

The OECD leader emphasised the need for a speedier matching of people and jobs. This issue, closely linked to the acquisition of skills, was the key to higher productivity.



Parted company: Derek Lewis, the former chief executive of Granada

Ex-Granada chief's payoff concerns shareholders

INSTITUTIONAL shareholders of Granada Group. the leisure conglomerate, have expressed concern at the size of the £579,550 payoff to Derek Lewis, the former chief executive, which was shown in the company's 1991 report and accounts, published

yesterday.
Mr Lewis left the company in July, after institutions ex-macred his departure as the price for a £310 million rights issue to prop up the heavily indebted balance sheet. He had been chief executive for a year and is thought to have been on a three-year contract worth about £200,000 a year. One major shareholder in

the company said the payment to Mr Lewis "sounds a bit more than expected". He added: "It's not something we what can we achieve by opposing it ... We're never happy about these things but there's been worse over the Vears."

His comments were echoed by another large institutional holder of the shares, who said: "This sort of thing leaves us cold; we don't think people should be rewarded when they leave the company in these circumstances, but we understand why it happens." Shareholders were powerless to oppose payments of this kind, except by engaging in "massive amounts of litigation," he said.

Shares in Granada slumped 27p to 184p when a grim trading statement ac-companied the announcement of Mr Lewis's departure in May last year. However, the Granada

BY JONATHAN PRYNN shares have since recovered much of the lost ground and esterday closed up, lp at

Gerry Robinson, the former chairman of Compass Group, the contract catering company, was appointed as Mr Lewis's successor in

The City has become increasingly concerned about the size of the payoffs awarded to ousted senior executives seen as responsible for the problems affecting some of Britain's biggest companies. A £2 million payoff to Ralph Haiperu, the former chairman and chief executive of Burton Group, created a furore in November 1990, when he resigned from the company. However, Mr Lewis's payment is not being seen as provocative as that made to

Mr Halpern. The Granada accounts also show that David Plowright, another director, has exercised an option on a Cheshire house, which was granted by the company when he joined the board in 1981. The option has enabled him to pur chase the house at its then value of £81,153. It is currently valued at £425,000.

Buyout failure prompts loss of 60 jobs at **Hoare Govett**

By MICHAEL CLARK

HOARE GOVETT. the stockbroker, has been forced to cut 60 jobs from its total workforce of 440 after the failure of last year's management buyout.

The firm, which is a subsidiary of Security Pacific, the American bank, said the job losses would be achieved through a mixture of redundancies and early retirement. They include 39 job losses in the "front office", made up of brokers, salesmen and market-makers, and 21 in the back office" in positions related to settlement and administration.

Among the casualties is Richard Jeffreys, the economist who was reputed to be earning an annual six-figure

The firm will, however, continue to operate a downgraded economics research

Hoare will cease researching about 145 companies. but will continue to cover a further 325 companies, accounting for about 80 per cent of stock market

capitalisation.
The firm will also stop making markets in 137 com-panies, reducing the number of quoted companies it trades in to 400.

Peter Meinerzthagen, chairman of Hoare Govern, said: "We are focusing on our strengths, but we are now covering, in both terms of research and trading, the same companies we spe-cialised in before Big Bang in

In addition to the winding down of the economics team, Hoare has also closed down its mergers and acquisitions

Mr Meinerzthagen added: We aim to create the type of firm we believe will compete successfully in the market-Meanwhile, Hoare is con-

tinuing to negotiate with at least half-a-dozen different suitors in order to extricate itself from Security Pacific. However, no clear-cut buyer has yet emerged. Mr Meinenzhagen said:

"It could be next week, it

could be in three month's time before the deal is finally

Hoare's original manage ment buyout was abandoned after Security Pacific merged with Bank of America last

Royal Life raises payout

Royal Life has increased the payout on 25-year endowment policies maturing after February 1, 1992, by 12 per cent but the payout on tenyear endowments maturing this year has fallen 5 per cent.

Royal said the increase was

due mainly to changes to the bonus structure last year. Power profit

Power Corporation, the Irish property company that is unwinding its joint venture relationship with Brent Walker Group, reports pre-tax profits of Ir£5.1 million (£4.86 million) for the nine months to September 30. There is an interim dividend of 2p a share.

Trust return

Aberforth Split Level Trust, the split capital investment trust, reports a return on assets of 5.1 per cent from May 14, 1991, to end-December 1991. There is a second quarterly dividend of 2p per income share, making

Contract won

GEC Alsthom, in consortium with Balfour Beatty Projects and Engineering, has won a £370 million turnkey contract for the Thames Power 1,000 megawatt gas-fired power station to be built at Barking Reach, East London.

Cluff issue

Cluff Resources' £8.3 million rights issue of 11-for-20 at 34p a share has been 37.81 per cent subscribed. The shares closed 1p up at 31p.

EC and US to restart farm talks

FROM REUTER in brussels

RAY MacSharry, the European farm commissioner, could meet Ed Madigan, the American agriculture secretary, at the end of next week to discuss farming aspects of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations, according to EC officials.

The two men last met in porters feel the time for Brussels on December 20, changes in draft proposals is when they failed to make headway on the farm trade sador told the steering group chapter of the talks. The extent to which subsidy

systems distort trade is one of "is opposed to changes in the the most contentious issues arising from the compromise paper drawn up by Arthur member of the Cairns group
Dunkell, the director general of 14 farm-exporting: counof Gan, as the basis for com-

negotiations.
The Uruguay round talks remain dominated as they have been over the past five years by the struggle over farm subsidy cuts, waged mainly between the Europe an Community on one hand and America and other major farm exporters on the other. However, many of the ex-

past. New Zealand's ambasfor the Uruguay round talks on Monday that his country 20 December package". New Zealand is a leading

pleting the five-year strong reservations about any attempt to reopen the debate on what they viewed as a finely balanced package.

Cairns members, along with America, have said the Dunkel package has already seriously watered down their original demands for 75 per cent to 90 per cent cuts in farm subsidies. The Dunkel package envisages cuts of 20 per cent to 36 per cent.

In a speech to farmers in Kansas City on Monday, President George Bush showed frustration with EC efforts to protect its Common Agricultural Policy. He said: "Sooner or later the European Community must stop hiding behind its own 'iron curtain' of protectionism." However, Tran Van-Thinh,

the EC ambassador, told the steering group there would have to be serious improvements in the Dunkel text meaning more protection for

Japan, South Korea, Austria. Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries have also pressed for changes in the agricultural text.

Mr Dunkel's aim is to end the Uruguay round by mid-April. He said he felt it his duty to serve as an honest broker in discussions on adjusting his package, but added: "This exercise must be precise and concentrated entirely on what we can all rollectively agree to without unraveiling the package."
Diplomats said those seek-

ing to make changes would have to make major concessions elsewhere in order to leave the overall balance of the Dunkel package intact. But for many of the Cairns members agriculture is the most important sector of their

Non-EC diplomats said it was difficult to imagine con-



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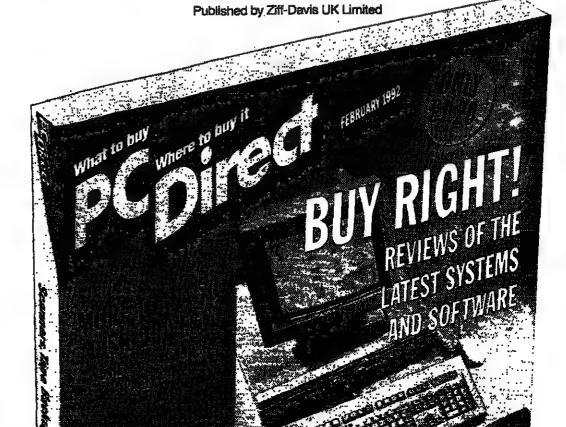
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Long trek for Stakis on road to recovery

THERE was little to cheer Stakis shareholders in Sir Lewis Robertson's first fullyear report as chairman, but the £47.4 million pre-tax loss for the year to September 29 did not come as a surprise. The £43.7 million of exceptional costs making up the bulk of the loss were detailed

at the halfway stage.
Those who have seen the share price fall roughly 75 per cent in the past two years can find a crumb of comfort in the fact that the worst is almost certainly behind the group. Returning it to profit, owever, will be no easy task. The pre-tax loss looked all

the more dramatic against the previous year's £30.6 million profit, which was boosted by £18 million disposal profits. Turnover rose from £150 million to £171 million. At the operating level, profits were £17.6 million (£40.8 million).

The interest charge rose from £8.94 million to £21.4 million, and the loss per share was 16.74p, against earnings of 12.1p. There were £3.06 million of extraordinary items, representing the loss in disposing o leisure businesses. The dividend is 0.45p making 0.9p (2.7p) for the year.

The exceptional costs cover a writedown against the value of property developments, the disposal of which has been entrusted to an outside agency. The figures also in-cluded the costs of reorganising the business. Debt is now stable at £192 million, down from £215 million at the year-end, after £30 million was raised from disposals.

The business will be well balanced when it finally returns to profitability and debt has been reduced to a healthy level, which looks to be at least two years away. The hotels have a strong asset backing and the casinos generate cash. The nursing homes are a mixture of both.

Sir Lewis and David Michels, his chief executive, inspire confidence in the City and are taking corrective action within the group, but Stakis is likely to do little more than break even this year. The shares, up Ip at 35p, may be a good bet at some stage this year but with recovery so far off, it is too early to buy yet.

Howden Group

HOWDEN Group appears to be back from the dead with pre-tax profits of £5.81 million for the six months to end-October, compared with a depressed £214,000.

Howden is also keeping faith about resuming regular dividend payments by declar-ing a half-time dividend of 7p a share and reiterating that 2p for the full year is likely. In the year to end-April 1991, one payment of 1.59p a share was made.

The group also appears to be bucking the recession with steady orders coming in



So far, so good: John Jackson, of Howden

for power station fans in America, and cooling systems orders for the European fighter aircraft. Gearing has been cut by half to 50 per cent and is headed for the 30 per cent region. John Jackson, chairman since September, may well feel "so far, so

the dispute concerning the Great Belt contract in Denmark, which went badly wrong in October, 1990, and for which hefty provisions were made last year, looms

investment prospects. Howden said earlier that the legal process would be lengthy, and has suggested

large and menacingly over

that provisions made in last the final weeks of the last year's accounts were sufficient. There was, therefore, market relief that no more provisions appeared in yesterday's interim report, and it was that relief that lifted

the shares 3p higher to 55p. The MT Group, in Denmark, however, has now started an action in Scotland. Howden in turn is finalising a claim for contract extras that will be a "very significant amount'

Aside from the contract wrangle, Howden could be in line for pre-tax profits of £18 milion this year (£2.99 mil-lion), possibly rising to £24 milion in 1993. The shares trade on 8.21 times prospective earnings, easing to 7.33 on 1993 profit hopes.

However, the ghost of Davy Corporation's difficulties still haunts the market, so potential investors in Howden shares should re-

Eurotherm

EUROTHERM shares merit further support despite a strong run from 182p a year ago to 303 p yesterday, when they gained a further 5p. A 46 per cent slump in taxable profits to £7.15 mil-lion last year, though lamen-

table, was expected. Analysts anticipate a recovery to about £14.5 million in the current year even though no recovery in demand is likely. The recovery should come as a result of restructuring in

242p, still hoping to secure a merger with KLM, the Dutch airline. BAA, the indepen-

dent airport operator, was

another firm market, adding

10p at 560p after a recommendation by County Nat-West WoodMac, the stock-

broker. County says the

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financial year. Overheads have been reduced by £3 million, resulting in an exceptional charge of £1.9 million against 300

Claus Hultman, the new managing director, has streamlined the number of operating subsidiaries thus reducing duplication of costs. Interest costs should also continue to fall, a reflection of lower interest rates and careful cash

Earnings fell from 19.6p a share to 10.58p but there is a rolan dividend increase from 7.05p a share to 7.20p, with a 4.7p final, which suggests the company feels comfortable with City expectations. Turnover slipped from £164.4 million to £157.7 million but margins were severely eroded, leaving operating profits down from £15.35 million to £9.08 million. Britain did little more than break even on sales of £40.6 million, down from £47.2 million, as capital investment by Eurotherm's major customers, including

seas sales held steady at E117 million. Adam Page, an analyst at County NatWest, anticipates earnings of 22p which would leave the shares on a p/e of just under 14. Not cheap, but dividend and growth pros-pects remain fair which should underpin further

WALSTREET

Dow recoups losses

New York - American blue chips opened slightly lower on weak retail sales data but quickly recouped their losses and moved into positive

George Pirrone, senior trader at Dreyfus Corporation, said strong performances by oil stocks and American Express helped the Dow Jones industrial average recover from a low of 3.184

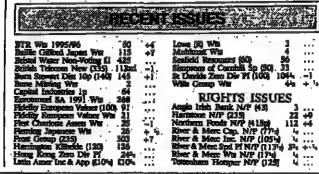
reached minutes after the opening.

By mid-morning, the Dow was up 6.26 at 3,191.86. off a high of 3,195. Advancing shares led de-

Tokyo - The Nikkei index gained 78.27 points to 21,775.13. The Tokyo market is closed today for a holiday.

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STOCK MARKET

Surging prices put squeeze on market-makers

MARKET-MAKERS were continuing to feel the pinch as share prices surged back through the 2,500 level. The recent strength of the equity market has left a number of market-makers nursing sizable trading losses. Speculation in the Square Mile claims at least one leading

Hazlewood Foods, the Derby-based food mamufacturer, fell 20p to 142p. Whispers circulating in the Square Mile last night claim the group is that pre-tax profit estimates for the current year are too high. Houre Govett, the stockbroker, is said to have responded by cutting its forecast by £5 million to £51 million.

securities house may have suffered losses of about £10 million after the near-150 point jump in the market since Christmas. Many were caught out by the market's revival and have been left scrambling to cover short

The appearance of only a handful of buyers is now enough to send dealers rushing for cover and share prices sharply higher. Last night, the FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day, with a rise of 26.2 at 2,526.3, helped by an an opening mark-up on Wall Street.

This time it was James Capel, stockbroker, that did much of the damage as it carried out an estimated £200 million programme trade. Turnover was boosted as 519 million shares changed

Large lines of stock went through the market in companies such as Bass, up 21p at £10.70, Guinness, 9p bet-ter at 544p, and BAT Industries, 10p stronger at 638p. Government securities

gained almost £4 at the longer end, hoping for a better showing this week by the government in the opinion polls.

Cable and Wireless jumped 18p to 618p as investors continued switching out

of British Telecom, un-

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the news that John Kerridge, chairman, had resigned as chairman and chief executive ued to advance, with a rise of 6p to 328p as fund managers began a two-day tour of the group's operations in Britain and France. Hopes are high that the group will soon win a major defence contract from

Saudi Arabia, but there are fears that a Labour government would hurt profits by cutting defence spending.
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ip Green's fast-growing discount chain, which owns What Everyone Wants, recovered some of Monday's 15p fall, which followed a bear raid. The shares, initially up 6p, closed 1p firmer at 93p.

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New horizons open for Fisons

he precise sequence of events that led to the retirement of John Kerridge at Fisons should perhaps be left to him, his family and his doctor. But pharmaceuticals analysts were shocked to learn that Mr Kerridge was going entirely, rather than merely handing over the chief executive's reins to another. Mr Kerridge, who ran Fisons out of Ipswich as something of a personal fieldom, had occasionally difficult relations with the City and did not care for collaborative ventures with other drug companies. Growing institutional dislike of a dual role and a share price down 43 per cent since the summer meant some change looked inevitable. Mr Kerridge's achievements over the last decade are undeniable; he created, virtually from scratch, Britain's fourth largest pharmaceutical operation and allowed shareholders to ride the wave that produced outstanding results for other drug

The problem facing Mr Kerridge's successor is the gap that has opened up between Glaxo-SmithKline Beecham and Wellcome, the three majors, and Fisons itself, which suggests the company lacks the critical mass to go into the 1990s

The problems with the FDA that have sparked the share price decline are something of a temporary blip. The new chief executive - and all the pointers are to an outside applicant with a strong pharmaceuticals background — will be in a better position than Mr Kerridge to consider joint ventures, joint promotions and other strategic linkups. That is not to say that the hostile assault dreamed of by some stale bulls is just around the corner, if only because contested bids are not the rule in pharmaceuticals. But optimists might ponder the analogy with Beecham, once a sleepy drugs concern, where the arrival of Bob Bauman as a new and dynamic chief executive presaged the link-up with SmithKline that created a true world player in pharmaceuticals.

Pounding eases

C terling is not out of the woods yet but it is looking a lot safer, thanks partly to a technical quick of the ERM. Until very recently, the so-called "peseta floor" provided no real support for the pound — like the floor of an elevator it simply moved up and down with sterling. But in the last few weeks, this situation has abruptly changed. Last year the Spanish currency generally hovered some 4 to 5 per cent above its central rate against the mark. This left plenty of room for investors to lose money if and when Spain moved its currency into an ERM. narrow band. But in the past two weeks the weakness of the pound has dragged the pescuadown to within 2 per sent of its central rate against the mark. At this level, the pescua's sky high interest rates become irresistibly attractive in investors, and there is believed to be no despiration risk. devaluation risk.

As a result, the support for sterling at about its present level may be stronger than generally supposed. For whenever the pound falls below DM2.8350, the peseta automatically moves within 2 per cent above the mark. At this level, the Spanish currency becomes an irresistible buy against the mark. Speculators sell marks against pesetas and as a by product the mark weakens. against the pound as well. This technical oddity. could not defend the pound against a really strong speculative attack, but it may just stave off the moment of truth when the pound falls to its ultimate floor of DM2.78 and the government has to choose to devalue or raise interest rates.

Curtain is raised for act two of the BCCI tragedy

Neil Bennett looks ahead to the problems facing the liquidators charged with clearing up the biggest banking failure in history

s one scene of the drama at the Bank of Credit and Commerce International ends, another is just beginning. The new scene will engage a cast of thousands as liquidators, lawyers and bank regulators mill around trying to make sense of the ure in history. The audience will need considerable patience since the performance will last well into the next milennium before BCCI is firially laid to rest.

The decision by the High Court in London to place BCCI in formal liquidation was a foregone conclusion. Hopes of rescuing and refloating the bank with new capital and management had rated months ago as Touche Ross. the provisional liquidator, uncovered the full extent of the losses. At the hearing. Sir Donald Nicholls, the Vice-Chancellor, summed up the situation when he decribed the bank as "plainly and hopelessly

Figures from Touche Ross demonstrate the bank's dire financial position. BCCI claimed to have gross assets of \$11.7 billion when it was closed on July 5. But a series of provisions and write-offs mean that ess than a tenth of this will eventual ly be available for depositors.

The largest write off is \$6.33 bil-lion in bad debt provisions on the bank's fraud-riddled loan book. The next, at \$1.91 billion, is for set off, where other banks are witholding BCCI's assets to offset them against its liabilities. Liquidation expenses, asset writedowns and other legal and accounting black holes reduce the assets still further

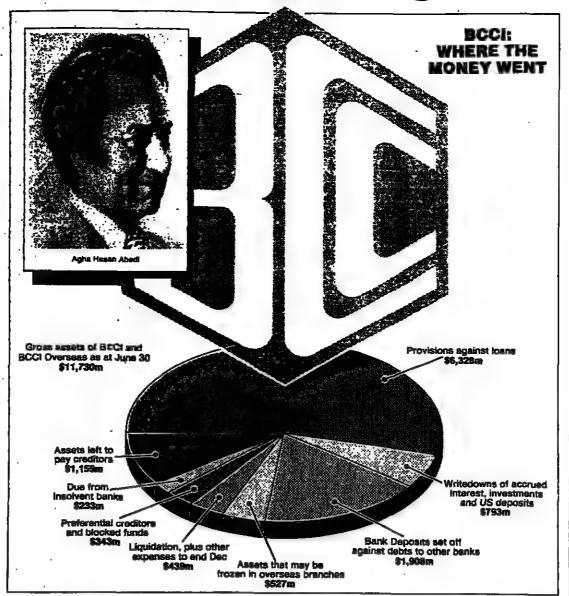
Without the Abu Dhabi govern-ment, the outlook for BCCI's 800,000 worldwide depositors would be bleak. There would be a acramble in many jurisdictions as creditors and even bank regulators tried to ringience assets to secure preferential treatment.

The ensuing legal actions would lest seas, if not decades and most of the bank's remaining funds would be spent defending futile lawsuits. Fortunately, Touche Ross and the Abu Dhabi government are close to an agreement which may avoid all

this. This involves pooling all the assets of BCCI Holdings and Overseas, the two main conspanies with-in the bank group. The Abu Dhabi government, BCCl's 77 per cent sharebolder, will then inject an estimated \$3 billion into this The scheme would allow Touche

Ross to pay a first dividend to BCCI's creditors worldwide of 10 cents in the dollar later this year, and eventually return up to 40 per cent of the bank's deposits.

There are large hurdles to cross before the plan becomes a reality,



ernment, led by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, and Touche Ross have to agree to the settlement. Touche Ross announced yesterday that it hoped to sign the agreement by the end of the month.

This however is only the first stage in a delicate piece of international diplomacy. The plan must be approved by courts in Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands, where the bank's main operations were registered, and in Britain.

Most crucially of all, the scheme has to be backed by all BCCI's depositors. Briain Smouha, the **BCCI** administrator from Touche Ross, is currently travelling around the world sounding out the bank's creditors, and winning their support. All it takes is one or two depositors to object to the terms and to start legal action against the bank to try to recover a higher proportion of their money and the house of cards that has been delicately built over the last six months will collapse.

The scheme will then need to be BCCI once operated, unless its operations there have already been sold. Insolvency experts have spent 20 years trying and failing to devise a practical code to deal with international liquidations. The accountants and lawyers working on BCCI have been forced to build that framework

in so many weeks. The process will not be cheap: Touche Ross estimates it will cost \$239 million. Inevitably, some countries will decide to ringfence their operations to

secure a better deal for local depositors, however generous the Abu Dhabi offer Touche Ross has made a \$527 million provision for this. A number of financial groups and businessmen have recently tried to obscure the issues in the liquidation by proposing plans which they claim will give creditors a far higher

payout than the one offered by Sheikh Zayed. Professionals close to the liquidation view any scheme which offers a dividend of 70 per cent or 80 per cent with amazement, since the quality of BCCI's assets simply do not justify it. There is a real risk that these shadowy proposals could obscure the one firm lifeline depositors are being offered. ortunately, BCCI's British

depositors have been treated better than most in the rest of the world. In July, the £42 million to an emergency compensation scheme for the bank's 38,000 British sterling depositors. The scheme paid three quarters of each deposit up to a £5,000 ceiling.

The maximum sum would have covered the vast majority of BCCI's British customers. Surprisingly.

however, less than a third have applied to Touche Ross for compenation, even though the accountants have sent out 53,000 letters urgingpeople to apply.

Undoubtedly, some depositors are still unaware that the scheme exists, and may have been hampered by language barriers. Nevertheless, the figures show that there are a large number of depositors unwilling to lay claim to their funds, possibly because they are being investigated by tax and customs officers.

The liquidation order granted by the High Court now allows the Bank of England's deposit protection scheme to come into force. This refunds three-quarters of each deposit up to a £15,000 maximum. The scheme will also refund the Abu Dhabi government the amount it has paid out in the interim period.

So only BCCI's larger depositors in Britain will remain seriously out of pocket, including local authorities and Channel 4 television.

The BCCI affair has left no one looking respectable. Bank regulators have appeared naive and incompetent, accountants gullible, and the police ineffective.

Authorities across the world were duped by a systematic fraud on an unimagined scale. They can only learn by their mistakes.

Lloyd's to present survival blueprint

This morning, Lloyd's of London will present the fourth of the reforming reports that have transformed the face of the insurance market over the past quarter of a century.

Much is expected of the report, as Lloyd's faces problems on perhaps more fronts than at any time in its 300-year history. However, unlike its illustrious forerunners, Cromer, Fisher and Neill, the Rowland report is primarily a soul-searching exercise carried out by the market itself. All but three of the members of the taskforce were insiders and David Rowland, the chairman, heads one of the largest firms of Lloyd's brokers.

His taskforce began life just over a year ago as a relatively low-key examination of the capital base of Lloyd's. It was commissioned by Murray Lawrence, then outgoing chairman, and David Coleridge, his successor. Since then, the extraordinary public airing of Lloyd's problems and the continuing commercial difficulties dogging the market, have raised the status of the report from technical discussion paper to blueprint for survival. Mr Coleridge has promised no sacred cows, so expectations of fairly radical reform have been running high both among those who work at Lloyd's and the names who supply the

capital.
Shortest odds among the tipsters are being given on some form of watering down of the practice, but not the principle, of unlimited liability. This would mean that names would continue to operate as sole traders, liable to their last farthing, but that the community as a whole would pick up the tab in excess of a certain point, in the event of truly horrendous losses. The hope is that this form of limited "mutualisation" would restore confidence in Lloyd's to a wealthy potential name who was considering joining but was put off by the unlimited downside risk. In that way Lloyd's could halt the haemorrhaging of names that has afflicted the market in recent years.

nevitably, this safety net will have to be funded by the names themelves, and the size of the resulting levy on names will be another point of keen interest. There are almost certain to be further technical measures to improve names confidence in their agents and the

syndicates they are placed on.
The report should also have something to say about the traditional but confusing three-year accounting sys-tem that operates at Lloyd's. Many have called for a one-year system, in line with the insurance companies, but practical difficulties might make this proposal a bridge too far.

In general, the report will recom-nend confidence-building measures that can be implemented within the existing legislative framework. The last thing Lloyd's wents right now is a new bill passing through Parliament at a time of widespread public criticism of the

JONATHAN PRYNN



Butler is back in oil analysis

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AFTER two years out of the market. Liz Butler, once ranked among the top ten oil analysts in the City, has staged a comeback. Butler, aged 47, married to an Oxford academic and the mother of two daughters, aged 23 and 21, has just started work at Panmure Gordon, as its sole analyst covering the oil sector. Since resigning from Laing & Cruickshank in January 1990, after a disagreement over management style, Butler has kept herself busy by assisting, in a consultancy capacity, John Browne, head of exploration at BP and amember of the main board. "I kept turning down offers from various broking firms but being a consultant is a very lonely business and I suddenly realised that I actually missed broking," Butler says. That realisation dawned on her after sharing a pot of tea with John Walmsky, finance director of Enterprise Oil. "He said that there was a scarcity of good oil analysts and suggested that I go back into the City," she adds. It will however, take her time to reacclimatise. "It all seems terribly strange," she says, "I'd even forgotten how to use Topic."

Family ties

BLOOD really is thicker than water. Bernard Attah. the Algerian-born chairman of Air France, is involved in negotiations for a consortium of investors, led by Air France, to buy up to 40 per ceni of CSA. Czechoslovakia's national airline, for \$60 million. A "memorandum of



understanding" to that effect was signed in Prague lastweek. Although it was not referred to in the memorandum, it is believed that other investors in the consortium are Caisse des Depots et Consignations (the French state-controlled pension fund and savings bank) and the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, otherwise known as EBRD EBRD's chairman is Jacques Attali. aged 48, a former French presidential adviser, and Bernard's twin brother.

THE New York Times notes that The Lord's Prayer contains 56 words, the 23rd Psalm 118 words and the Ten Commandments 297 words. By contrast, the American department of agriculture's directive on the pricing of cabbage takes no less than -15,629 words.

Ward joins Capita SHANDWICK, the world's biggest public relations company, has said goodbye to Clive Ward, who joined two

years ago to advise on acquisitions. Ward, who spent two years on the takeover panel in the Seventies, was head of corporate finance at Ernst & Young before signing up as corporate development direc-tor at Shandwick in 1990 at the tail end, as it turned out, of the company's aggressive expansion policy. He has now joined Capita, the management services group, to head a new corporate finance division there. "I advised both companies on their flotations," says Ward, aged 46. who has been planning the move for the past year. "I joined Shandwick to help with acquisitions, but my timing wasn't the best. It became apparent to me that I was a cost they could do

Taking over panel WHEN Frances Heaton starts her two-year stint as director general of the takeover panel in March, she will join a growing number of regulators, including Sir David Walker of the Securities and Investments Board, who spent their formative years at the Treasury. However, Mrs Heaton is not without experience of the hurly burly of takeovers. On one occasion, as adviser to TSB, she lost a battle at the panel to push through a bid for Hogg Robinson before the latter demerged itself. Hogg's adviser on that occasion was Geoffrey Barnett of Barings, who has been director general of the panel for the past two

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years and will soon return to his former bank. The new

director general says the pan-

el's decision was "perfectly

BUSINESS AT TERS Regulators need fraud early warning system

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costly.
I have twice in my career revealed to the regulators of a company that fraud was tak-

ing place. On the first occasion, the fraud was so serious it would have threatened the viability of the company's entire Far Eastern operation. For this reason, the company decided to cover up the truth. I was dismissed with a bad reference. My solicitor advised me not to take on a company with the resources opponents through the to hire the best defence in the

On the second occasion, I was warmly thanked, but my contract was discontinued. The fraudster was subsequently prosecuted. But it was feared I might talk to the

I cannot emphasise too strongly how isolated and vulnerable you feel when you realise that your boss is a crook. You are utterly alone and there is nobody to confide in. Your family will suffer financially if the wrongdoer suspects you know too much. When you think about Maxwell's habit of pursuing his

courts, your feeling of horror becomes intolerable.

One answer for the banks. or someone is to set up a scheme to advise innocent directors and accountants who suspect a large-scale fraud. In return, the directors would reveal what they have seen and heard to the regulators. Million-pound fraud is a growth industry.

If the regulators can detect it early, they will save a

Yours sincerely BRIAN TAYLOR, 57 Orchard Way, Burwell. Cambridge.

Workfare as opposed to workshare

From Mr John Shedden

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Jubb, has directed several questions to me (Business letters, January 8), but he will find that most of the points he raises are very fully discussed in Ralph Howell's paper Why not Work, to which reference was made in Eamonn Butler's article (December 19). Mr Howell deals with the practical aspects of introducing and running a "workfare" type scheme and draws on the experience of other countries.

and oversee workfare, it would seem that, being recently retired, the application of Mr Jobb's "workshare" principles would surely disqualify me. Mr Howell's much better suggestion is that some of the organisational work could be done by persons themselves in workfare, as part of their workfare experience.

J.B. SHEDDEN. 6 Barnfield Close, Crockenhill. Swanley, As to who would organise Kent

Economic rule that points to failure

From Mr D.H. Walton

Sir. One economic rule I have never seen written down is: "Socialist systems only work when run by capitalists whilst capitalist systems always fail when run by

experience has shown, the ex-Soviet empire, which is still largely run by socialists, will unfortunately fail. Yours truly, DAVID WALTON. 10 St Guthlac's Close. Crowland.

Strip tease From Mr B.S. Hyman

Sir, If Bob Tyrrell of the Henley Centre for Forecasting does succeed in becoming "the Gypsy Rose Lee of the financial world" (The only place to be is number one. business profile, January 11), I look forward to watching him divest himself of his clothing, item by item, as he feeds us the statistics. Being free, as Gillian Bowditch implies, of the sin of false modesty, he should have nothing to hide.

Sorry Gillian, as older readers will know, Gypsy Rose Lee was a stripper, not a fortuneteller. You're thinking of Gypsy Perulengro (the kerchiefheaded Russell Grant of my childhood), a bastion of the Woman's Own Centre For Forecasting.

Tyrrell's likelihood of vot-

ing Liberal Democrat is particularly interesting. Does this constitute a forecast of their impending success? Yours faithfully, BARRY S. HYMAN. 4 Priory View, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.

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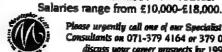
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Michael Dineen explains how his town in the Cotswolds adapted to the recession after the property boom

cestershire is in the Cotswolds, but it is not postcard-pretty enough to be taken over by out-oftown money from tourists or by retired townies seeking twee

It is, though, very agreeable and 5,000 people live there. So how do you preserve its character when property prices slump, businesses shut up shop and the local inn calls last orders for the last time?

Character was clearly what developers had in mind when they acquired Winchcombe's only hotel. The George, which had been providing shelter for pilgrims for more than 600 years.

Despite a spirited campaign by local people involving "Save The George" T-shirts and petitions to the brewers, the hostelry was sold by Whitbread, then left derelict for a year before Clonard Developments, a company based in Co. Cork, acquired it.

Now it has become 14 one, two and three-bedroom houses and cottages, of which five have been

One of them, a house with three bedrooms and two bathrooms, is on the market at £125,000, and prices start at £69,000 for a onebedroom home. Others have been

inchcombe in Glou- let to provide the developers with an income pending the upturn in the property market, and there is one unit designated as a shop or a

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The conversion of The George is just one example of how the recession has hit property prices and home owners in Winchcombe. I moved here 11 years ago, and my two-bedroom terrace house (built circa 1830) cost me £19,950. During the goldrush days just before August 1988 (when mortgage tax relief was limited to single owners), a similar house next door was promoted at about £85,000. Today it would be offered at about £60,000.

Acquiring a bargain is a matter of timing, and there is a rueful look on the face of one local estate agent when he talks of the properties on his books.

David Hadrill, of Locke & England, the local Black Horse agency, says: "I myself was swept along by the 1988 boom and paid over the odds for my three-bedroom house. Today I could buy a bigger and better four-bedroom property for less."

He is not claiming, however, that the market has bottomed. "I know there were supposed to be 80,000 repossessed houses in Britain last year," he says, "but there



Preserved: the front and rear view of the old George Inn at Winchcombe, which has been converted into a mixture of 14 old and new properties built in traditional Cotswolds style

are none on our books because the local banks and building societies are holding on to them for fear of

epressing the market still further.
"I think you'll find that the sale of repossessed houses will really take off when the market improves and lenders can again get reasonable prices for houses."

A year ago, however, Ken Goodail, one of my neighbours and a victim of open-handed building society lending, the declining house market and redundancy, had the housing slump to thank for depriving him of his dream home and providing the modest house he lives in today. A father of five children, he came to Winchcombe because it is one Cotswold town in which you can still find shops selling useful things such as food, hardware and clothes, rather than souvenirs and

They include two local bakeries, a dairy and two butchers supplying local produce, and two greengrocers selling fruit and vegetables from the Vale of Evesham ten

Winchcombe, then, was an ideal town for my neighbour when he bought the 19th-century house

accommodate himself, his wife and five young children.

r Goodall says: "The Halifax Building So-ciety allowed me an additional £17,000 to spend on extensions, and when that ran out, it was easy to get another £9,000 to finish the work

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A carpenter, Mr Goodall did much of the work himself, and when he had finished, the local estate agents, still on the crest of a wave, sold him that his house,

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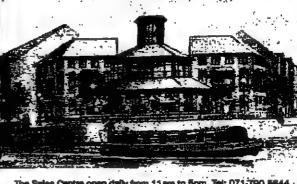
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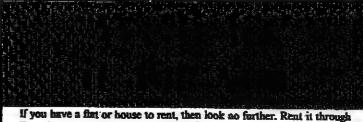
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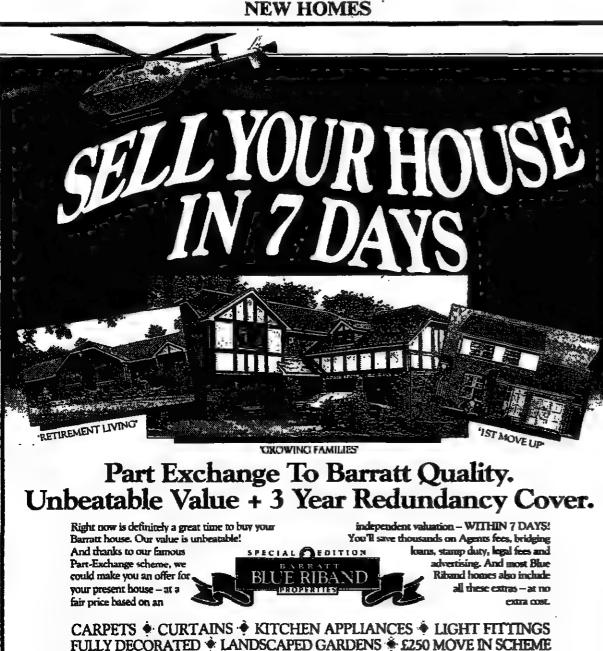


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David Ormerod, the managing director of Legal & General Properties, argues that those investors who sold at the top of the marker in 1988-9 are likely to start or increase their investment programmes, believing that the

commercial property cycle has reached the bottom.
"We expect investors to continue to concentrate on those investment opportunities offering a secure rental income, backed by quality covenants in established locations, he says.

Mr Ormerod also rejects the suggestion that investors should delay until after the outcome of the general election is known. Property, he says, will continue to be attractive to the astute investor, no matter who wins, so there is little reason to regard

the election as the sole reason for delaying property invest-ment decisions.

"Whichever political party is in power six months from now, the reluctance of the economy to climb out of recession will still dominate any investor's agenda be cause there will be limits to what any government can do. to stimulate the economy further," he says.

n the retail sector, there should be particularly good opportunities in 1992, he believes. Legal & General Property says retail investment has a wide appeal because of the range of lot sizes. Demand for space usually continues even during economic depressions, be-cause big retailers still need to trade from attractive prem-

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topher Warman writes.
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YESTERDAY afternoon, Steffi Graf should have been beginning her challenge for the Australian Open title on court one. Instead, she was 35,000 feet up and heading back to Germany, the victim of a viral infection and the second eminent withdrawal

within 24 hours. Graf's sudden departure was more of a surprise than that of Pete Sampras the previous day because she seemed to have recovered from the virus she had in Perth and had been practising hard for the last five days with new coach, Heinz Gunthardt, in

preparation for a tilt at her fourth Australian Open title.
On Monday, she felt ill again during practice and, yesterday, blood tests conferred the infection. firmed the infection. On doctor's advice, she immediately set off for home. "It is bitterly disappointing for her because she loves playing here," Klaus Hofsass, the German team

captain, said.
The loss of the men's No. 6 seed and the women's No. 2' seed, both potential champions, is another piece of bad luck for the organisers here, who had finally attracted the best field in the chequered history of the tournament.

Neither is it an auspicious start to 1992 for the world No. 2, who must have hoped for a clean bill of health in the coming year. Last year, she was forced out of the Federation Cup with a shoulder injury and then had a wrist problem; the previous year, she broke a thumb and had to have a sinuses operation.

In the short term, the main beneficiary was Ann Devries of Belgium, who filled Graf's shoes and duly reached the second round. Later next week. Gabriela Sabatini and Monica Seles will surely be the ones taking advantage of

The Argentinian, winner of the New South Wales Open in Sydney last week, showed no sign of anti-climax against Julie Halard. The French girl looks as fragile as a piece of straw and won just two games one more than Monique Javer managed against Mary Joe Fernandez

In the men's singles, the all-

French affair between Henri Leconte and Guy Forget vied of John McEnroe to the centre court, the scene of his

expulsion two years ago. The former lived up to all but the most extravagant expectations; the latter was a non-event. McEnroe's opponent, the ageing Brod Dyke, did not win his first point until the fourth game and did not really get the hang of it

McEnroe won just as he pleased and without tantrum. It was all eerily reminiscent of the calm before the storm two years ago when he was de-faulted. Typically, he is still grumbling about the injustice

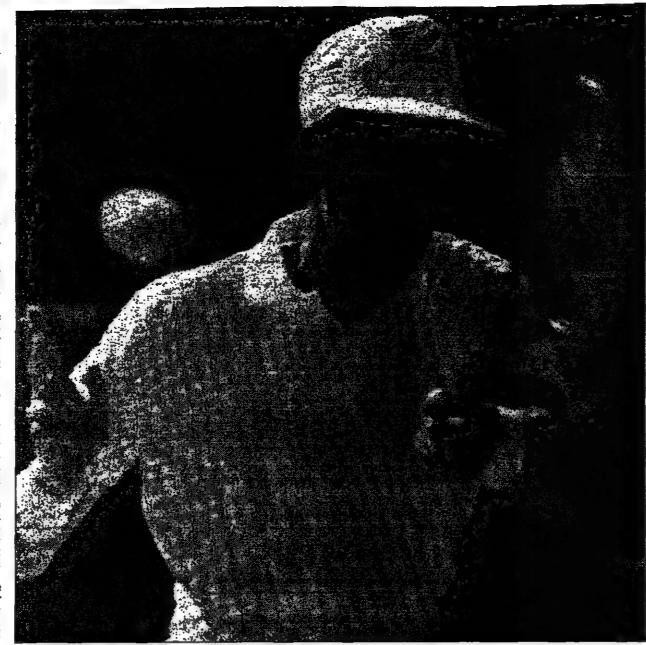
The Gallic duel lasted five sets, and three hours 47 minutes, and ended with winner and loser sitting at a courtside table as if they were enjoying coffee and croissants at a Parisian pavement cafe. "I was telling Guy I was dead." Leconte said. "I've not played five sets for a long time. Not since Wimbledon 1990."

It was a difficult match for both men because companionship, strengthened by Davis Cup exploits, clouded rivalry. Forget, ranked 162 places higher, had more to lose and and he clearly had trouble coping with the emo-tional complications of the match. At times, he did not seem sure whether he wanted

to win or not.
"I was hot aggressive enough but it proved our friendship," Forget, after his 2-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 victory. said. "If I had hated Henri, I would have played better."

Given his lack of fitness, after a series of back operations, Leconte's main chance was to get ahead and stay there. He did that successfully to the middle of the fourth set. when he led by two sets to one

and had a break point. A vintage Forget pass saved the point and, as Leconte's clowning increased and his legs became heavier, the No. 7 seed broke service soon after and twice more in the fifth set. "I am very tired. My body aches all over," Leconte said. Doubtless, Graf will sympathise from far away.



Power play: Forget on his way to a five-set victory over Leconte in the Australian Open yesterday

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Money no object in attempt to dethrone Conner

FROM KEITH WHEATLEY IN SAN DIEGO

DENNIS Conner enters the defence of the America's Cup in an unaccustomed role, as underdog. To become defender he must overcome the four-boat challenge of America³ in a round-robin series lasting until April.

Conner's midnight-blue Stars & Stripes is his only yacht. Although his crew has vast experience - Conner himself has raced in every final since 1980 — the prick-ly, bear-like skipper knows that technology will triumph in sailing's most prestigious

"At this level there's not much difference between skippers and crews. We're in the ball park but the winner will be the guy with the fastest boat." Conner said on the eve of the first race.

He meets Defiant, skip-pered by Buddy Meiges, aged 61, a professional sailor and boatbuilder from Wisconsin. An "Aw shucks!" manner straight from a Bobbsey Twins book fails to conceal Meiges's talent and grit.

The America³ leader, Bill Koch, aged 51, a billionaire, will helm Jaybawk in Wednesday's race against Conner. On past form, Meiges has the quicker of the syndicate's two boars. "Defiant was faster than Jayhawk," Koch said. "But since the autumn refit we really don't

know." Two more boats are under construction in a \$50 million programme. Conner, by contrast, has a \$15 million budget and is struggling to meet his commitments.

"My budget is that I'm going to spend as much as [can raise," he replied testily to financial questions. Few observers - including Koch doubt that Stars & Stripes, backed by so much skill and experience, will prove a very quick boat.

"Conner's designers pro duced a fast boat with their first shot. We're trying to get a fast boat in four tries." Koch

Yet the real goal is not to beat fellow-Americans but to develop a yacht and crew capable of beating the nine foreign teams, ranging from New Zealand to Russia, waiting for the chance to take the America's Cup home. Even the patriarchal figure

of Malin Burnham, backer of Dennis Conner in numerous Cups and chairman of the organising committee, is downbeat on the chances of his hometown keeping the

auld mug.
"Although I still believe the odds are 5-2 against our defending the America's Cup, I'm not giving up and neither is Dennis," Burnham, one of San Diego's wealthiest busi-

Australians take clear lead in world series

Jervoise Bay, Western Australia - Mitch Booth and John Forbes, the Australian champions, won the third race of the world championship for the Tornado catamaran class here yesterday to

emerge as clear series leaders. Booth and Forbes improved from fifth place on the first three legs to lead on the last two despite pressure from the French crew. Frederic Le-Peutree and Richard de Meo. who finished 25 seconds

lo Glisoni, of Italy, the decrew, finished third in front of the brothers, Oliver and Rene Schwall, of Germany, who won the Tornado class in the pre-Olympic regatta at Barce-

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TABLE TENNIS

Syed unfit to face the Czechs

MATTHEW Syed, whose victory completed England's 4-2 first-leg success over Czechoslovakia last month, will not be fit for the second leg of the European League semi-final promotion match In Bratislava tonight (Rich-

ard Eaton writes). The groin injury, which kept Syed from competing in the English open championship in Birmingham last week, has not improved sufficiently for him to travel and means a recall in the singles

for Alan Cooke. Czechoslovakia are likely to select Petr Korbel, Tomas Janci and Roland Vimi in the singles, with Petr Javurek playing with Vimi in the doubles. A 4-3 defeat would enable England to progress to a promotion decider with Austria or Denmark.

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President is worried that junior game may suffer

BY MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Harrison, the new president of the English Golf Union (EGU), has called for a positive approach to be adopted towards junior golf in this country to avoid a potential Open champion

being lost to another sport.

Harrison said: "I believe
the EGU is doing everything
it can possibly do to encourage junior golfers but there is absolutely no room for complacency. If we were to be complacent then we would run the risk of losing a potential champion to another sport or of future European Ryder Cup teams, not includ-

ing English golfers.
"I am sure we have lost potential champions and our junior sections in clubs must be made up of people who want to play. There must be no sleeping memberships. "Standards have never

been higher than they are today but without an amateur game we have no European circuit. We have 600,000 players and 1,500 golf clubs. Other countries are getting better and better and we have

to make sure that our youngsters are given every opportunity within the club system.

"Twenty per cent of Sweden's golf club membership are juniors compared to ten per cent in this country. We have to keep banging the drum to make sure all juniors are given equal chances in this country and I'm only pointing out the danger signals that exist to show that players from other countries are getting better and better.



"Therefore we must not become complacent because other European countries are catching up with us rapidly. Although we have some 45,000 youngsters playing golf in England, we are finding it increasingly difficult these days to beat countries like Denmark, who have only around 5.000 to choose from. We are finding it more and more difficult to win the European junior competitions. Unless we have the right form of competition and coaching and open our doors to the best players we won't remain the

Harrison, aged 55, has served as chairman on both the EGU junior committee and the Boys' International Selection Committee. He has also been a member of the amateur technical committee of the European Golf Association and he was captain of Hampshire in 1970-1. He succeeds another Stoneham Golf Club member, Dr Norman Bradford, as president of the EGU. He was a youth

RUGBY UNION

World Cup price is trebled

POTENTIAL sponsors for the 1995 Rugby World Cup are being asked for sums three times larger than the biggest fees paid by any sponsor at the 1991 tournament. Preliminary negotia-tions between the CPMA group of London and sponsors involved in last autumn's competition have already taken place, in line with the announcement in November by the International Rugby Board (IRB) that CPMA was charged with investigating sponsorships for the next

Sources inside the companies who shared sponsorship of last year's tournament say that figures as high as £2.4 million had been mentioned; slightly less being quoted for existing sponsors than for new companies.

After initial optimism that

individual sponsors would each contribute up to £2.2 million for the 1991 tournament, the sum required was adjusted to £1.6 million. It fell further as the start of the tournament approached. Finally, the largest single spons-orship sum believed to have been paid was £800,000 from Heinz UK. Only one other company paid more than

£500,000 for its involvement. A spokesman for one of the sponsoring companies said: 'Anyone who signed up now would be an idiot. For the last tournament, the original quote of £1.2 million for us came down to £500,000."

Potential sponsors have shelved detailed negotiations until the venue for 1995 has been confirmed -- South Africa is the favourite - and the IRB has confirmed sponsorship plans. Sponsors seeking

clarification have asked for meetings with officials from the Rugby World Cup committee, and these are expected to take place later this month, when Russ Thomas, the committee chairman, returns to London from New Zealand. Matthew Gloag, the dev-

elopment director for The Famous Grouse scotch whisky, which was one of the sponsors last time, confirmed he had written to Thomas requesting a meeting. "We don't quite know what the situation is at this stage," he said. "It is difficult to know who you are dealing with. Certainly, decisions have to be made quickly by the Rugby World Cup people. Until somebody takes the decision about who is offering what and where it is going to be, we cannot do anything."

VOLLEYBALL

A farewell flourish by Fogarty

BY RODGE MACKENEDS

REEBOK Liverpool City breathed new life into the men's first division title race in the Royal Bank of Scotland English League when they handed Team Mizuno Malory, the champions, their first defeat of the season. Liverpool's win by 15-13, 16-14, 2-15, 6-15, 15-3, closed the gap at the top to two points.

Liverpool's success also revived the hopes of Hilton Leeds, who share second place with them. Patrick Fogarty, Liver-pool's Irish international, fit-

tingly scored the winning block in his final match for the team. He leaves this week to start a career with the police. Hilton Leeds, who meet

Malory in the quarter-finals of the Royal Bank of Scotland English Cup on Saturday, beat Speedwell Rucasor 15-12, 15-4, 15-8 to keep up their challenge.

In the women's first divi-sion, Woolwich Brixton, even without Lyn Tennant and Julie Bond, overwhelmed Wes-sex by 15-13 15-9 15-4.

In Scotland, Adscrees Kyle, in their first match for eight weeks, showed they had not lost their sharpness when they beat Provincial Insurance by 15-11, 15-8, 4-15, 15-8.

In the men's first division, Dundee's match with Telford had to be abandoned at in the first set when Kenny Barton, the Telford playercoach, was sent off for unruly behaviour. Telford could not continue as they only had five players left.

FOOTBALL

Leeds v Manchester Utd (7.10)....

Chariton v Wolverhampton (7.45) ...

B and Q Scottish League

Third-round replays

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Third round

but in doing so salvaged the five victory points needed to

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SQUASH RACKETS

Cannons move up in numbers game

FASCINATING consequences began to emerge this week. from the decision to change the format of this season's Pirnm's Premier League to one of four-man teams with a countback on 2-2 draws.

Vasari Cannors, the defending champions, edged into second place at the expense of L and P Lambs thanks to a games countback after their draw in the London derby. Meanwhile, the mid-table battle hardened with a countback between A and P Rackets and North Walsham that ended in Rackets' favour, 98-96 on collec-

Used in Australia and New Zealand, the four-man format with countback demands that every rubber, every game, and every individual rally must be fully contested.

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

With the traditional Europe-

an five-man format, matches were often decided before the In this week's match in London, Cannons looked set

for a comprehensive victory as Ross Norman defeated Bryan Beeson, Tony Hands dismissed Hiddy Jahan and Mark Maclean led Paul Gregory 9-2, 9-2. But Jahan-gir Khan, the world No. I, beat Del Harris and Gregory, the British champion, began a fightback that brought him a 2-9, 2-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-6

Maclean's two early games were decisive after more than three hours of competition. RESALTS: Vasari Carmone 2, L. and F Lambs 2: Mosaic Priory 4, Lynic Surbinos D A and P Reclosts 2, North Watchen 2 Luetus Wizards 4, Addiss Northern G Lustus Wizards 4, Addiss Northern G Lustus 33, 5, Lasson 32, 4, Proc

BRIDGE

Fortune favours the brave Forrester bid

BY ALBERT DORMER

TONY Forrester's squad of world championship silver medal-winners won the national Swiss teams tournament at Leeds in the luckiest way imaginable when they built and made a grand slam on the last board of the last round in a head-on encounter with the front runners in the

Forrester lost the match,

favour of Forrester, whose team-mates were Raymond Brock, John Armstrong and Graham Kirby. The losers were Andrew

McNair, Tim Rees, Peter Lindon and Dee Evans. They have plenty of other successes to point to during the past year to console them.

equal his opponent's overall

score for the tournament.

Under English Bridge Union

rules the tie was resolved in

RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Hamp-stire v Army (Havant, 2:30); Orderd University v Combined Services (3:0); Surrey v Royal Neary (Sunbury); Wales Students v Wales Edles (Portypridd, 7.15); England-Fire Service v Wales Fire Service (Old Rutlahtem, 2:15). CLUB MATCH: Swanses v Cardiff in-stitute (7.00).

OTHER SPORT HOCKEY: Invitation tournamen SPORT FOR

THE DISABLED

Anderson handed a key role

BY JANE WYATT

THE British Athletics Federation (BAF) has appointed its first chief coach for people with special needs. He is John Anderson, the athletics coordinator for the British Paralympic Association (BPA) in the run-up to the Barcelona Olympic Games.

letics at the highest level, hav-ing been a full-time national coach between 1965 and 1970. He went on to train such international stars as David Moorcroft and Judy Simpson and was named coach of the year in 1988. For more than a decade,

Anderson has been chairman of Athletics for the Blind, and in that time has helped Britain's blind athletes to become the best in the world. Under Anderson's influence, a well-defined structure has been established, with top coaches brought in from able-bodied athletics, instead of through the "willing helper" route.

purpose as members of the overall Great Britain team. His talents as a distiller of harmony will be tested to the limit with the BAF as the deaf and people with a mental handicap will be added to his list of groups to try to accom-

modate. This new post has been created, according to the BAF's director of coaching, Frank Dick in response to the former minister for sport, Colin Moynihan's request for greater involvement from the governing bodies as set out in his paper "Building on Abili-ty". In addition, working with people with disabilities is a fundamental element of the Post Office Counters sponsor-

· Anderson sees his first task as meeting representatives from all seven of the disability organisations to gather their

Anderson is steeped in ath-

As athletics co-ordinator with the BTA, his job has been to bring together the disparate disability groups, including wheelchair, amputee and cerebal palsy, so that they work with a unity of

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Glen Cherry set to reap benefit of chasing debut

GLEN Cherry, whose breeding and physique suggest his future lies over fences is napped to open his account in cellent form this season. the Weishpool Nevices' Han-

dicap Chase at Ludlow today. Always regarded as a po-tential chaser by his trainer. Tim Forster, the son of Furry Glen acquitted himself well on his debut over fences when five-and-a-half lengths third to Mister Tickle at Stratford in December.

The strength of that contest stands up well. Mister Tickle had previously finished runner-up to the useful Springaleak at Towcester and Border Archer, second at Stratford, gave the form a timely boost when successful at Fontwell Park on Monday.

I expect the lightly-raced six-year-old to appreciate this trip of three miles for the first time today, when the danger appears to be the Henrietta Knight-trained Badihar.

Formerly a good handicap hurdler when trained by David Murray Smith, Barlihar ran with plenty of promise last time out when third behind Real Class at Bangor, However, I feel the selection has considerable scope for

improvement Forster can complete a double with Knighton Coombe in the Otely Novices' Handican Hurdle. The New Zealand bred gelding has been in ex-

winning twice and finishing third from as many outings. Not surprisingly the handicapper has allotted him. with top weight, but his task will greatly be helped by the 71b allowance claimed by Rodger Farrant, an accomplished amateur rider.

However, Forster's hopes of a treble on the Shropshire course with Eastshaw in Richards Castle Handicap Chase, could well be thwarted by Bousai Bud. Since making a winning seasonal debut at Wincanton, Eastshaw has been a biner disappointment.
But Bonsai Bud, who will
having his first outing of the

Forster has a profitable day in prospect

season, has improved. Last season, he was not disgraced when runner-up to the useful Golden Celtic at Fostwell and followed that with a comfortable defeat of Info The

Red at Stratford. Coughians Rus, however, cessful afternoon by taking the Royal Windsor Handicap Chase at Windsor at the ex-

pense of Evening Rain. In the EBF National Hunt Novices Hurdle, I expect the former Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained Rocket Launcher to make a successful debut for David Elsworth. After his promising second behind Native Pride at Unioneser, the Strong Gale gelding was alightly disappointing when fifth behind the Jenny Pitman-trained Triple Witching

at Leicester, The Green Stuff, who had the misformme to be brought down last time out at Wincapiton, can return to form in the Datchet Handicap Chase. Prior to that unfortunate incident he was a convincing seven length winner from O'Reilly at Leicester.

Society Guest also appears to have the weights in his favour in the January Handicap Hurdle. At Wincanton, last time the High Line gelding escapes a penalty for his conditional jockeys' race.

Baker is likely to delay transfer of Tote

By RICHARD EVANS RACING COMMENT

THE government's thoughts on the future ownership of the Tote are expected to be published this afternoon - and provide racing with a fresh incentive to set up a new democratically accountable

body to run the sport. Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, is likely to resist contemplating transferring

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES)

1.30 RAYS NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,235; 2m 30yd) (17 runners)

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FORM FOCUS

ACROSS THE CARD 77 3rd of 15 to Huso in a novice hundle at Townsian (2m, good to firm), BETONIC DUR REACH SI 3rd of 17 to All Present in a novice hundle at Kempton (2m, good to soft). SART CES. 15th 2nd of 20 to Keytaet on debut in a novice hundle at Kempton (2m, good to soft), with DUTCH CZARBNA haled off when pushed up. CHEVELEY DANCER 35th of 9 to Match is a novice hundle at Kempton (2m 100yd, good). KA-HOLL SHANN (2m 110yd, good to soft) when tained on the Fist in France.

BETTWG: 13-8 Setter Country, 5-2 Major Effort, 11-4 The Green Stuff, 8-1 Pantechnicon, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BETTER COUNTRY best Tally Jones 10t in a 4-runner handicap chase, over course and distance (good to firm). PANTECHNICON beat Evening Rein 12 in a 8-runner handicap chase at Tauriton (2m 100)d, good to firm), with SETTER COUNTRY in the lead when unaeming ridez out. MAJOR EF-FORT best Whatever You Like 31 in a 8-runner Selection: MAJOR EFFORT.

BETTRIC: 11-10 Reydon Star, 7-2 Dextra Dove, 5-1 Bardesan, 10-1 Mety, 12-1 Botmoor Way, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

DECTRA DOVE best Keytak 199 in a 9-numer nov-ice hurdie at Warwick (2m, good to firm), with BARDESAN (5th better off) 341 Sth. BARDESAN 165 novice hurdie Wolverhampton (2m, good). MISTY

2.00 BATCHET HANDICAP CHASE (52,432-2m 40yd) (6 runners)

2.30 ESF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,021: 2m 30yd) (14 runners)

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1.10 Song Of Sixpence. 1.40 Chadwick Ginger. 2.10 Errant Knight.

3.40 Knighton Coombe.

organisation to racing until the various power-sharing plans, including the Jockey Club's proposals for a British Horseracing Board, produce positive results.

The Commons home affairs select committee recommended last July that racing should be allowed to run the Tote, but not before the sport had put its house in order. The MPs stressed a new

democratically accountable organisation was needed to replace the Jockey Club and speak for and manage racing.
If such a organisation was created it should be allowed

to run the Tote. Sir John Wheeler and his colleagues recommended in the short term that the Govecoment should announce in principle its intention to vest the Tote in the racing industry.

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to resist that suggestion, along with the idea that new appointments should be made to the board chaired by Lord Wyatt of Weeford which owned Tote.

would help achieve a racing-Instead the home secretary is likely to welcome the general thrust of the select committee's report but insist nothing will be done to end the gov-

ernment's relationship with

changes to the way racing is run become dearer.

Not surprisingly, the government wants to see the precise colour of any new organisation set up to run racing before deciding the future status and ownership of the Tote.

The government response is tikely to please Lord Wyatt. whose chairmanship is due to end in April 1993.

3.00 ROYAL WINDSOR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,427: 2m 5f) (7 runners) THUNDERER 1.30 Kashan. 2.00 Setter Country. 2.30 Baydon Star. 3.00 Evening Rain. 3.30 Brave Defender. 1.30 Cheveley Dancer. 2.00 The Green Stuff. 2.00 Setter Country 4.00 SOCIETY GUEST 2.30 Rocket Leoncher. 3.00 Couplans Run. 3.30 Brave Defender. 4.00 Society Guest. 4.00 FOREST FAWN

Long handlosp: Paddy's Dream 9-11 BETTRIG: 9-4 Evening Rain, 11-4 Coughlans Run, 5-1 Avonburn, 6-1 Derrymore Boy, 8-1 others. FORM FOCUS

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of 9 to Tomest Bey in a handicap chase, here (5m),
on pensitimate start. SOLAR CLOUD 141 5th of 7 to

3.30 WINDLESHAM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,265: 3m) (11 runners)

BETTING: 15-8 Brave Defender, 5-2 Webbs Wonder, 9-2 Alaboun, 7-1 Reganto, 10-1 others. **FORM FOCUS**

BRAVE DEFENDER best Spirttheofiference Si in a 4-runner handicing chase, over course and distance (good to firm). Previously, best Smertle Express 3I in an 11-runner novices handicing chase, here (2m St., good to firm), with BLUE BUCCANEER (16th better off) 291 7th.

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4.00 JANUARY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,828; 2m 30yd) (18 runnsra)

Long handloop: Leabes 9-13, Talus 9-10, Charry Cheo 9-3.
BETTING: 11-4 WB James, 5-1 Mami Spleen, 6-1 Forest Fawn, Society Guest, 8-1 Spenish Whesper, 10-1 Good For The Roses, 12-1 Present Times, 14-1 Barrara Lad, 16-1 others. FORM FOCUS

PRESENT TIMES best Factorum 29/1 in an 8-runner handicap hurdle, over course and distance handicap hurdle, over course and distance (good to firm), in November with LYPH (15b better off) talked-off 8th. SARRERA LAD best Cut A Caper 11 in a 14-runner conditional jockey's handicap hurdle at Warver course and distance (good), in November 1990. EARLY BRIEEZE 301 3rd of 10 to Gine-Diann in a claiming hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m), GOOD FOR 1THE ROSES best Playpon 201 in a 16-runner melden hurdle in Naventon Abbot (2m 109d, good to soft), SPANISH WHISPER best Bay Tern 2 in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Sedgelfield (2m, good) in Cotober, WILL JAMES best Saunders Lane 19/1 in 6, 5-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 16 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 16 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 17 min 12 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 17 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) to 18 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at New 19 min 11-runner handicap hurdle at

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COURSE SPECIALISTS Winners Runners Percent JOCKEYS

2.40 WELSHPOOL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,380; 3m) (16 runners)

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4.10 Zanyman. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.40 IT'S NOT MY FAULT.

1.10 Falcons Dawn. 1.40 It's Not My Fault.

2.10 Det Train.
2.40 Glen Cherry.
3.10 Mister Festhers.
3.40 Musical Monarch.

GOING: GOOD 1.10 WISTANSTOW NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235: 2m) (18 runners)

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TING FOR CHITSTALL PRESTREET CONTROL FOR THE VALUE OF THE CONTROL
RICHARD EVANS 3.40 Sandford Springs.

BETTING: 9-2 Willowson, 5-1 Here Comes Charler, 8-1 Glen Cherry, 8-1 The City Minstrel, 10-1 others. 3.10 RICHARDS CASTLE HANDICAP CHASE (E2,495: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

10 86-PO4U JUST MICK 16 (C.F) (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 11-10-0. Long handicapt: Cresh Ber 9-2, Just Mick 8-7.
BETTING: 3-1 Eastshew, 4-1 Red Rondo, 9-2 Senator Of Rome, 6-1 Bonesi Bud, Minter Feathers, 10-1 others. 3.40 OTELEY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,637: 2m 5f) (18 runners)

10 4F8352 LLACCA SAM 20 (14 Thursfield) M Editory 5-10-0
11 2U-SS55 UPHAM VIEW 6 (8 Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 7-10-0
12 40-SP46 FENOUILLE 8 (J Devise) William Price 5-10-0
13 0/U00-0P DEEP KASH 29 (K Markey) D Nicholson 7-10-0
14 U-00 LAKENHEATHER 20 (Nr H Richards) K White 6-10-0
15 8/00/50 PORKINSON BANGER 80 (8) (P Rebi) A J Wilson 6-10-0
16 0490-0 QUILL 20 (K White) K White 8-10-0
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18 0-500 ST ROBERT 25 (P Abraham) T McGlovern 5-10-0 Long handicap: Llaca Sam 9-13, Uchan View 9-13, Fenoulle 9-8, Deep Kash 9-5, Lakenheether 9-1, Perkinson Benger 9-0, Greekin Bust 8-10, Quill 8-9, St Ricbert 8-8. BETTING: 9-2 Musical Monarch, 5-1 Jacidh, Knighton Coombe, 7-1 Llacca Sam, Staunch Rival, 10-1 others 4.10 BROOME STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (5822: 2m) (18 runners)

PRIDEWOOD GOLDING (Mrs 8 Morts) R Proce 5-11-10 Mr M O'Meers (7)
STEEL CONGRESS (7 Philips) D Moffett 5-11-10 D J Moffett (7)
TENNIS COACH (1 Hermings) S Mofor 5-11-10 D J Moffett (7)
VISAGA (L Helletenus) D Nicholson 6-11-10 W Marston (7)
YABBADABBADOO (A Parker) J Edwards 6-11-10 M Allein (7)
THE FOOLISH ONE (E Birchaf) E Birchall 5-11-5 B Clifford (5)
ALDINGTON CHAPPLE (C Whepthey) C Trestine 4-11-0 D Bridgwater (3)
MASTER JOLSON (Mrs E Roberts) D Nicholson 4-11-0 Mr T Jenics (7)
NEWHALL PRINCE (Mrs J Furlong) J Smith 4-11-0 BETTING: 4-5 Zanyman, 6-1 Case, 8-1 Fly Guard, 10-1 Visage, 12-1 Tennis Coech, 15-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS							
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Pipe records another century

MARTIN Pipe reached one hundred winners for the sixth. successive season when Ambassador won the Deal Novices' Chase at Folkestone yes-

The century came a week earlier than last year, when Trefelyn Cone put him into three figures on January 21. but a month later than his fastest hundred, achieved on December 14, 1989, Even so, Pipe is ahead of winners. After Ambassador's

credit when Great Aspect terday. Even so, Pipe is ahead of bridge Handicap Hurdle schedule as he chases last. The Henderson-trained

Calabrese was an easy winner of the Whitelaw Gold Cup. two length win under Peter. The winner, who lacks noth-Scudamore, bookmakers Wil-ing except size, will miss the liam Hill were prepared to Sheltenham festival in favour offer no more than 5.4 on of the minor tracks.

Pipe achieving a record total.

Red Rum is continuing his Richard Rowe, fined £250 - recovery from serious illness, at a Jockey Chib enquiry earling Beryl McCain, wife of trainer er in the day, was back in Ginger McCain, said yes

gave the first-season trainer.

The Jockey Club enquiry his fourth win in the Roberts into Adrian Magnire's claim. postponed from yesterday, will be held next Tuesday.

2.20 D J JONES PAPER BEDDING RANDICAP (22,089: 1m 61) (7) 1 2FT/ 100 HIGH 201 (F) A Reid 5-10-0 K Rutter (7) 7 2 21-2 FALLA 4 (EF) J Gordon 4-9-0 M Hills 1 3 1-11 HAND PARITED 5 (CD) C Berrer 8-8-2 (Sec) 4 18-5 CHRONOLOGICAL 5 (V.CD) M Tompton 8-0-0 S Makey (7) 8 1.20 Sir Tasker. 1.50 First Sapphire. 2.20 Chronological. 2.50 Pop To Stans. 3.20 Up The Punjah. 3.50 Golden Ancora. 5 064 DALBY DANCER 16 (D.F.G.S) B McMetron 8-7-8 8 9-36 OBELISIO 5 63 P History 6-7-7 J Francis (3) 5 7 4-30 N TRUTH 5 (7,5) D Chapman 4-7-3 S Wood 3 52 Hend Painted, 109-30 Fina, 92 Chronological, 6-1 Dalby Denote, 6-1 Obelield, 10-1 in Truth, 20-1 King High.

2.50 ALADDIN CLAMING STAKES (3.4-0: 22,167-67)(8)

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OB- BROBES BLE 75 N Caleghan 87. W Newnes
O- RIMBLED AGAIN 189 T Barron 64 L Chemock 1
DOGAN O Chemon 80 J Feening (3)

3.20 SLEEPING BEAUTY HANDICAP

3 145- DUSLIN INDEXESS: SUPER-SUB 18 M Fesherston-Godby 5-10
D Historison (7) 1

3-1 Dublin indemnity, 4-1 Whirtyglg, 5-1 Ferdia, 6-1 Up The Pur-Jab, 8-1 Thursley, 10-1 Lanly Of Latters, 12-1 Super-Sub.

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5 105 THURSLEY 19 (7) H Collegation 6-7 J 6 000 LADY OF LETTERS 42 T Thousan Jones 7-13

7 0G-3 WHERLYGIG 12 (B) J Walmeright 7-10 J Face

3.50 SWAN LAKE HANDICAP (E2,343: 1m) (13)

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1.20 Hinari Video. 1.50 Lura's Baby. 2.20 Fina. 2.50 Pop To Stans. 3.20 Ferdia. 3.50 Kissaws. GOING: STANDARD SIS 1.20 SNOW WHITE HANDICAP (£2,226: 5f) (14 runners)

1 203- GORBISKY 19 (F.ST.) Serry 4-9-12. J. Carry 2 (LS)- ON THE EDGE 714 (CD) T Serry 4-9-11. Alex Green 3 009- VERY DOCEY 7-8 (DA) 5 Down 4-9-9. R. Cochee 4 0PO- BREEZY DAY 18 (DA) 3 McMalton 5-9-6 5 000- GLENCROFT 94 (BLCDLFALS) D Crappins 894

6 003- MAID WELCOME 29 (BLCDLF) Airs N Mecanley 59-73

7 02-0 LADY OF THE FER 12 (CDLF) May N Necestry 489

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8 02-1 SIR TASKER 12 (CDLS) Heris 499

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9 60-0 HENRY WEED 12 (CDLS) M Johnston 787, R P Ellot 7

10 046- MISCHELEMICURS GIFL 113 (DLS) M Charmon 4713

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11-4 Sir Tanier, 7-2 Godnetor, 9-2 Very Dicey, 6-1 Poriets, 8-1 On The Edge, 10-1 Medimentous Gild, 12-1 Wesson Times, 14-1 Others.

1.50 JACK AND THE BEANSTALK CLAIMING STAKES (£2,382: 1m 4f) (11)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

1 4007 LE TEMERARIE 393 (D.F) N Tichin 600 Kim Tichin 8 2 000- BELL TURRET 81 (G) A Potts 58-13... D Biggs (S) 1 3 060- TOSHIBA COMET TOC 48 (B) W Peuros 46-13 D Nicholie 7

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64 Leru's Baby, 41 Kirby Opportunity, 51 Stackward, 61 Top Pitte, 101 Le Temersire, Toshiba Cornet Too, 121 others. TRAINERS: J Goeden, 7 winners from 25 runners, 30.4%; T Berron, 44 from 155, 26.7%; J Peerce, 7 from 30, 23.3%; W O'Gorman, 22 from 95, 23.2%; J Berry, 15 from 93, 19.4%; A Hide, 6 from 55, 17.1%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Grasses, 17 winners from 157 rides, 28-5%; Erame O'Gomen. 18 trons 98, 18.4%; N Day, 10 from 64, 15.6%; D Notholis, 12 from 61, 14.8%; S D Williams, 5 from 38, 13.2%; W Plyan, 6 from 47, 12.8%;

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£1.90, £2.90; £4.80. DF: £10.70. CSF: 528.20.
2.20 (2m 100yd hdie) 1, Scent Of Bettle.
Li Batton, 7-1; 2, Farilight (11-2; 3, Beau-Li Batton, 7-1; 2, Farilight (11-2;

USF: 233.49. Tricast: £231.89.
1.20 (2m 6f hede) 1, Dublin Flyer (C Lienselby, 33-1); 2, Baron Seleguard (12-1); 3, Tarao (7-2). Mailcon 4-9 tay. 17 ran. NR: Golden Moss. 51, 161. T Forster. Teles: £22.60; £3.50, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £175.80.



Placepot: 2567.30. Lingfield Park £44.00. 2.50 (3m 2i ch) 1, Galetirese (R Dunwoody, 46 fav); 2, Andros Prince (J Dunwoody, 1-1); 3, Sherino (G Hoore, 7-1), 8 ran, 3i, 11, N Henderson, Tota, £1.50; £1.10, £1.20, £1.60, DP. £3.80, CSF; \$4.73.

1.10 (2m hdie) 1, Kaan Vision (Peter Hebbe, 5-2); 2, Andro Nativo (4-1); 3, Shemithom Al Arab (7-1); Texan Clamous 2 tais, 8 ran. 31, 391; D Arbutinot, Toto: 21.20; 51.80; 53.00, 65.10. DF: 55.70. CSF: 512.81. 94.73.
3.20 (2m 100yd hcfs) 1, Great Aspect (T Granthem, 5-1); 2, Platonic Affair (9-2); 3 Gencon (11-2), Green's Fine Art 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 134, 5, R Rows. Tote; £12.80; £2.70, £1.80, £2.30, DF: £29.30, CSF: £26.10, Tri-cast: £116.11. CSF: £12.81.

1.40 (2m 2! hotel) 1, Young Fact (N Coleman, 12-1); 2, Safety (8-4); 3, Caroline Clown (7-4 km), 8 ran, 172, 8, J Baker, Tote: £2.00; no dividend, £3.10. DF: £00.50. CSF: £37.95.

2.10 (3m hotel) 1, Cazandelhora (1 Lawreice, 13-8 km); 2, Ooktone Pear (15-6); 3, Duckinsen (8-1), 7 min. 354, 101. Nf. Robinson, Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £3.10. DF: £5.90. CSF: £5.63.

2.40 (2m hotel) 1, Giras-Diene (A Dicinan, 7-4 fax); 2, Yurraj (16-1); 3, Sootoni (D O'Sullingo, 3-1), 6 an. 3, 246; 5 Dow. Tote: £3.10: £1.20, £7.90, £1.20, DF: £5.10. CSF: £25.01. Timast: £7.20. E1.20. E5.10. CSF: £25.01. Timast: £7.20. E1.20. E1.2 Ladbrokes CRACING SERVICE 0891 222 + 251.00. CSF: £25.01. Tripast: £72.08.
3-10 (2m 2t halis) 1, Smilor Boy (H Davina.
4-1); 2, With Gueto (11-0; 3, Kilds £50-1).
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Altahurst. Tote: £4.51; £2.50, £1.50. DF:
£9.20. CSF: £15.68.
3.40 (2m 4t hole) 1, Abertoyle (A Bates, 46 fav); 2, Savie £5-4); 3, Hard To Get £9.1), 3 ran. 21, 101. 1 Campball. Tote: £1.30.
DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.79. LIVE ALL TRACKS. 101 201 LUDLOW WINDSOR 102 202 103 203 SOUTHWELL : Sedgefield abundaned — frost.

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Reduced funding threatens sport

ocal authorities have always been the biggest spenders on sport in Britain. Playing fields, swimming pools, sports centres and gymnasiums have been financed largely from rates and the community charge, supported by money from central government.

In 1985, the spending by local authorities was totalled by the Henley Centre of Forecasting at £1,059 million; the latest estimate for 1990 is that, despite inflation over the last five years, the total will reach only £1,038 million, a decline in real terms of 23 per

Worse is to come. In April, charge-capping will be ex-tended to all districts - and this will have a severe effect on sport and recreation. which are only discretionary services. Whereas local authorities have a statutory obligation to provide education and housing, there is no such requirement for sport and recreation. It is inevitable that they will suffer acutely. with the possibility of swimming pools and sports centres closing, leisure services being reduced and more playing fields being taken out of use.

In addition, the Sports Council learned from two surveys of local authorities last year that councils will reduce capital expenditure on facilities like sports halls and swimming pools by at least 25 per cent over the next four

So serious is the situation that the Sports Council is today meeting representatives of the Local Authority Associations to discuss a new survey of capital and revenue

In the West Midlands, a report from local authorities has shown that there has been a decline of total capital expenditure on sport from about £20 million in 1988-9 to a projected £6 million in 1992-3. David Pryor, the regional director for the Sports Council, believes that the full extent of the problem has yet to be felt because many councils have been drawing on their reserves for this finan-cial year and for 1992-3. It is only when local politicians draw up their budgets for 1993-4 that the cutbacks will be truly felt.

Jimmy Munn, the chairman of the regional sports council, said: "This is the most serious problem we face. iovernment does not appreciate the implications of capping on sport and funding OF BRITISH **SPORT**

while in the

British sport is seriously short of money, in spite of the heavy spending of the Football Trust and the £40 million annual grants from the Arts and Sports Foundation. John Goodbody, in the first of a three-part examination of the funding of

Pryor also points out that the government may not have fully understood that. because of the local management of schools and the opportunity for schools to "opt out", local authorities could be loath to put money into facilities at schools that were considering exercising the option. This would affect not only the provision of facilities for schoolchildren, but also for adults who use the premises. Of the 200 sports centres managed by local au-thorities in the West Midlands, 60 per cent are for dual-use by schoolchildren and adults.

The impact of capping is being felt across the Midlands. Wolverhampton, Wrekin and Walsall are three councils that have had to postpone or abandon capital expenditure or have had to reduce services and opening hours to the public.

ut perhaps the worst case in the region is in Coventry, where the sports centre, including the only 50-metre swimming pool in the Midlands, attracts almost one million people a year and provides facilities for 52 schools. Swimming pools are expensive to run, largely because of the cost of heating the water. As Denis Howell. the former minister for sport, once remarked: "The only way to make money out of swimming pools is to keep the water cold."

The pool already receives £1.7 million in annual subsidy morn the city council in ow 26 years after it was opened, it needs a E12 million over-

sport, reports on local authority cutbacks. required to make it safe. Netting has already been placed under the roof to catch pieces of masonry liable to fall into the water. The future of the centre is in jeopardy because the city council, threatened with capping, has had to cut £300,000 off its leisure budget. Peter Pinnell, the director of leisure services, said: "If we are unable to spend that £2 million, then eventually we will have to shut down the Although compulsory competitive tendering (CCT) has been hailed by some Conser-

varives as a shrewd method by which private companies can save money for local authorities on sports facilities through greater efficiency, this is not the experience in Coventry. The city council spent £300,000 preparing for CCT, but there was only one application for the contract for the sports centre and that was the council's own inhouse company, which could not achieve any savings.

The cutbacks in local authority financing have had other effects on sport in Coventry. There is no money to convert redundant industrial sports grounds to community use, despite the shortage of playing fields. A five-acre site owned by the Coventry and District Co-Operative Society was closed down three years ago. It adjoins the rugby ground of Old Coventrians, who could use the extra space. But, even if a planning enquiry rejects an application for housing on the site, the city estimated £50,000 for the

Councillor Sheila Collins,



Wary of falling debris: Munn, left, Collins and Pinnell survey the ceiling

the chair of the council's leisure services committee, said: "We have supported these sorts of projects in the past, but no longer. I am horrified at the potential erosion of sport because of capping by central government."

In East Anglia, a survey by the regional sports council had a 94 per cent response age spending per local authority on sport and leisure in 1989-90 was £1.26 million.

This is planned to be reduced to £0.45 million by 1993-4. Four local authorities forecast that their capital expenditure programme in that period would be nil.

How much does Britain lag behind other countries in state provision of sport and recreation? France spends £58 per capita each year, Swe-United Kingdom £20. Yet things are likely to get worse. Trevor Brooking, the chair-

Tomorrow: is sponsorship declining?

man of the Eastern region of

the Sports Council, said: "We

cannot allow this state of af-

fairs to continue. If the gov-

emment is really committed

to an improvement in the

health and fitness of the na-

tion, it must take action to

remedy the effects of its own

legislation."

St John should select a new Sunday trade

BY HENRY KELLY

WHEN did we start having live, televised football matches and what is he for? These two questions occ-urred to me on Sunday afternoon while watching the Leeds United game against Sheffield Wednesday.

What a cracker it was! It was bad for the digestion: every time I went to the kitchen to make a cup of tea, there would be a roar from the television and I'd rush back in time to see another Leeds goal. No consideration, these stars. for ordinary couch pot-

Alan Parry told me all I needed to know about the game which, in any event, I could see. What, then, is the function of lan St John? It seems to be to repeat what Parry has said and what we have seen. I've heard of over-manning but this is crazy.

No disrespect, Saint, but there are better things you could be doing on Sunday afternoons. Having John Giles as a mid-match and pre- and post-game talker was fair enough. I suppose.

The star guest syndrome often works and those of us who remember Giles from his own Leeds days must have chuckled to hear him praising to the high heav-ens the skill, pace and goalscoring ability of players such as Chapman. Long gone are the Giles days of square ball" and

By a nice fluke. Channel 4 was showing more of its Great Sporting Years series on Saturday morning last and it involved repeat coverage of the 1966 World Cup final at Wembley. There we had the legend-

ary Kenneth — "They think it's all over . . . it is now" -Woistenholme in complete and sole charge of the game, extra time and all. My point is: if you have a good knowledgeable commentator - and ITV has Parry, and Brian Moore.

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earth do you want another

— then what on

voice for? While I am on the bygone days bit, I hope you caught ing Moments showing the 1967 Piccadilly Match Play Championship final be-

Zealanders showed them-

selves unwilling or incapable

of forcing the pace against

England's regular bowlers.

To help them along, Gooch

first gave extended spells to

Hick and Ramprakash be-

fore he took the ball himself.

In five overs of lobs, bowled

from a standing start. Gooch

gave the home side 54 runs

and an overnight lead of 272.

It achieved its purpose but it

made one profoundly grateful

that the preliminaries of this

tour are all but over. Thom-

son was not complaining. He added 62 from 65 balls to his

first innings 75 and came off

to learn he is in the New

Zealand party of 13 for the

Test. Two uncapped players

are included and although

Harris may not make the

final side. Hartland will be

Wright's new opening

NEW ZEALAND XI: First Immings S W Brown low b Lawis B Pacock c Russell b Lewis

A Douglas run out

A Thomson c Hick b Pringle

M J Greatbetch c Gooch b Reeve

T C Yaughan c Russell b DeFreitas

Total (7 witts dec) 207
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-44, 3-47, 4-94, 5-143, 6-202, 7-207.

M.L.Su's, G. Steed and R. Ford did not bat. BOWLING: DeFrentes 20-7-60-1; Lowis 20-7-49-2; Pringle 17-7-20-1; Reeve 13.1-7-19-2; Hick 15-0-50-0.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-123.
BOWLING: Lewis 8-3-12-0; Pringle 7-2-20-1; De Freitas 6-1-15-0; Hick 11-3-53-0; Ramprakash 8-1-29-1; Reevel 3-0-8-0; Smith 7-2-27-0; Gooch 5-0-5-40.
ENGLAND XI: First Innings
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A J Stewart not out 71
G A Hick o Brown b Stra 0
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Total (3 wide dec) FALL OF WICKETS. 1-8, 2-12, 3-22.

Umplies R S Dunne and C King.

M. H. Ramprelsen, D. A. Reeve, #R. C. Russell, C.C. Levis, D. R. Pringle and P. A.J. DeFreitse did not bet,

BOWLING: Su's 12-1-54-3; Ford 6-0-30-0; Brown 7-2-19-0; Thomson 6-0-27-0; Hart 4-0-25-0.

Extres (to 3, w 2, no 4)

SPORT ON TELEVISION THE WEEK

tween Arnold Paimer and This added brightness to Sunday afternoon. Palmer was four up with six to play

was tour up with six to play before Thomson staged a recovery to take the match to the final green. Palmer eventually won. What was most interesting was the speed at which these two men played approach ball, check he, select ciub, look at target, smack ball, walk after it. How different these days with so many professional golfers!

I don't know the figures, and I am not even going to bother to check, but I will bet you a box of golf balls to a bag of tees that the Palmer v Thomson final was played in about half an hour to an hour less time than, say, the Match Play final at Wentworth last year. If anyone doubts this, then, as the bookies say:

'Cough up or it's no bet."
Finally, to Crufts, where the wonderful Angela Rippon presided yet again over the annual dog show. Eventually, the winning owner, Morag Bolton, complete with whippet, was speaking to Rippon.

Was she surprised to win? She was Then, did she think before that she had a chance. Listen to this: "I lidn't like to think about it. It's just one of those things, you see. It's just down to the dog on the day."

I tell you, that lady has a bright future as a football

manager. Or maybe as a



St John: repetitive

Stewart finds his best batting form as he and Lamb stage a recovery

Moorhouse puts record on hold

SWIMMING

BY CRAIG LORD

(Pistes quite icy in the morning but softening by alternoon)

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activez........90 130 good open fine -7 (Cold temperatures have hardened pistes; overall good conditions)

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USA
Heavenly Valley 90 125 good open clear 8
(Snow is machine groomed and sking on packed powder)

Jackson Hole....... 60 120 good open parity sunny -12 (Eight to nine litts operating; looking forward to powder skiing)

Supplied by Sid Hottine. L and U refer to lower and upper slopes

ADRIAN Moorhouse has denied reports that he is alming to break the world 100 metres short-course record in the third round of the World Cup at Leicester this week.

The Olympic breastroke champion acknowledges that he wants to boost his race confidence with a fast time. But the physical demands of hard winter training, coupled with a minor skin complaint last week, are likely to keep Moorhouse short of the peak form forecast in some reports.

"They've got it wrong. It's not a question of records, its to do with seeing how I'm oing," Moorhouse said. "I'd like to put in a fast time to boost my confidence."
The Yorkshireman, who

competes for City of Leeds. will decide whether to shave down after the morning qual-SACHER PRINTERS

SWITZERLAND

on Saturday. If he shaves, Moorhouse will aim for a subone-minute swim, but he said that aiming for a time faster that the 59.30sec world record of Dimitri Volkov would be too optimistic.

Moorhouse will compete at

the fourth round of the World

Cup in Bonn on January 25 and 26, when he hopes to be closer to peak condition.

BNGLAND TEAM (for Lakester): Mert S
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Copthall): J Pleet (Waitham Forest): M
Hants (Bernet Copthall): J Hender
(Leeds): M Hooper (Portsmouth): P Howe
(Brrmingham): R Maden (Flochdale): S
Mellor (Satellite, Maccles/Red): A
Moorhouse (Leeds): G Robins (Portsmouth): A Rolley (Portsmouth): A
Ruckwood (Birningham): A Shortman
(Bristol Carmal): I Wilson (Sunderland).
Women: S Brownsdon (Birningham): M
Campbell (Portsmouth): L Coombee
(Southsmpton), J Coul (Birningham): M
Campbell (Portsmouth): S Foggo
(Newcastle): V Homer (Newburn). H
Jepson (Leeds): D Palmer (Haveting
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Rogers (City of Bristol), H Sietler (Warnors
of Warmington). closer to peak condition.

India are checked by Reiffel

Sydney: Paul Reiffel, the Victoria fast bowler, marked his international debut with two important wickets as Australia crushed India by nine wickets in their World Series Cup day-night match here

yesterday. Reiffel, preferred to Dean Jones, who has been unable to reproduce his outstanding form for his state side for his country this season, dis-missed both the Indian openers. Shastri and Srikkanth. after they had put on 52, and finished with two for 27.

India, who must now beat West Indies in Melbourne tomorrow to qualify for the best-of-three finals against the Australians, failed to build on the platform Shastri and Srikkanth had given them and were dismissed for 175 in 49.4 overs. Australia then cruised to 177 for one, winning with 10.4 overs to

Moody made the most of Jones's demotion with 87 not out from 123 balls, while David Boon again played a key role with an unbeaten 79 from 100 balls. They put on 167 for the second wicket - a record for a one-day match against India. (Reuter)

Kapi Dev run out
M Frabhakar c and b Whitney
TC S Pandir c Manly b McDermott ...
S L V Raju not out
J Smath b S R Waugh
Extras (b 3, lb 5, w 4, nb 1)

Total (1 wkt, 39.2 overs) 177 S R Waugh, M E Waugh, "A R Border, 11 A Healy, P L Taylor, P R Radiel, C J McDermott and M R Whitney did not bet. FALL OF WICKET 1-10 BOWLING: Kapil Dev 6-0-11-0; Prabhaka 8-0-29-1, Tandulkar 2-0-14-0; Sringth 8-1 28-0; Shastri 8-0-40-0; Raps 7-0-48-0 Manyakar 0 2-0-4-0

Mallender added to England squad for first Test of tour

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

LUNCHTIME in New Zealand's sunniest province heard a cry for help from the touring team. On the field, England's three best batsmen were out for an aggregate of three runs against a New Zealand XI, while in the Portacabin which passes for a dressing-room at Trafalgar Park, the plight of their strike bowler prompted a hectic series of phone calls.

Help was at hand. England's batting, threatened with embarrassment by a Samoan left-armer with an Irish name, was forcefully repaired by a century stand between Alec Stewart and Allan Lamb and the fear of embarrassment through injuries before the first Test match, which starts on Saturday, was allayed by the temporary re-cruitment of Neil Mallender, principally of Somerset but also, conveniently, of Otago.

Mallender, aged 30, has only once previously come so close to playing a Test and that was before the corresponding Christchurch match eight years ago, when a disintegrating England party summoned two bowlers who happened to be nearby. One had to play and the preference was for Tony Pigott, who famously postponed his wedding to do so.

Since then, Mallender has had a change of county without convincing those who matter that his bowling is quite of the class for Test cricket. But he was the natural choice for the present situation after taking 31 wickets in five games for Otago this winter. His role is only as cover for injuries additional to the one which now seems sure to rule out Lawrence, But his presence is sensible insurance, especially in the light of Lewis's record of late scratchings.

Lawrence had a cortisone injection for his strained side yesterday, but his gloomy

mood suggests he is becoming resigned to missing the game, an unkind fate for one who has waited so long for his chance and who, in the early games of this tour, indicated he could be a matchwinner. been, as all three casualties

Missing both Lawrence and Tufnell, as was the case yesterday, the England attack lacks variety and penetration. That said, DeFreitas bowled his liveliest spell for some time and there was some studiously accurate swing bowling from Pringle and Reeve.

The New Zealanders, Thomson to the fore, declared 45 minutes before lunch on what, for complex reasons, had been adjusted to a sevenand-a-half hour playing day. England were soon in a

mess, perpetrated by Murphy Su'a, not yet a regular in the Auckland side but unquestionably with the potential for Test cricket, which can always find a place for a leftarm seam bowler with an action as good as his. His first 28 balls brought him three

any old wickets. Gooch, Hick and Smith add up to a good day's work for any bowler. It was not quite the setback for England it might have

in touch; what would have been worse was another failure for Saturday's intended opener, Stewart. This was avoided with some panache. Stewart, having inspected Su'a from the safe end, began to play with great assurance and found a

have shown themselves to be

willing ally in Lamb. The pitch was good, the support bowling was not and, in 19 overs, 100 had been added to the false dusk of 22

Gooch's motive behind declaring 48 in arrears with both batsmen hastening towards centuries, was admirable. He wanted to make this game as authentic as possible and was anxious for a run chase on the last day in which

Ramprakash and Reeve,

Pulling power: Lamb shows a long hop no mercy

Williams comes to the rescue

Anckland: The rain-hit first women's Test match between New Zealand and England here ended in a draw yesterday, play concluding by mutual agreement at tea on the fourth and final day.

New Zealand had scored 214 for nine in reply to England's first innings of 356 for nine declared when it was decided to give up a game which was badly affected by the weather on both Monday and Tuesday. Early in the day, Nancy

Williams, of New Zealand was hit on the side of the head by a return from Debra Maybury at extra cover and was taken to hospital with suspected concussion. By the time she returned to

the ground, New Zealand were involved a in a stern rearguard action as they sought to score the 206 runs needed to avoid the follow-on. The ninth wicket fell at 194 and, against the wishes of the

team management, Williams went out to resume her innings and with Yvonne Kainuku took New Zealand to safely. Williams was un-beaten with 35 and Kainuku had scored 23 by tea.

With no prospect of a definite result, the captains agreed that further play was pointless (AFP)

S Africans to tour Kenya

Nairobi: A team of South African cricketers will make a short tour of Kenya in July. The United Cricket Board of South Africa has agreed to send a country cricker XI for a six-match tota," the Kenya Cricket Association fixtures secretary, Sharad Ghai, said.

Ghai said the South Africans would play their first three matches against Kenya's national team between July 18 and 26.
The cricket XI will be the

second South African sports team to visit Kenya since the

The Leeds United-Manchester United saga enters stage three

when the opposition keep the ball below knee height.

Against Everton last Satur-

lay, he looked as mobile as an

Wilkinson, who is more

concerned about whether to

recall Gordon Strachan, is

expected to persist with a

formation that has been nota-

bly unsuccessful against

Manchester United. Chap-

man, credited with only one

goal against them, has yet to

experience the taste of victory over the rivals from the other

The sequence has lasted for

l years but Manchester

United, for whom Bryan Rob-

son may return as a substi-

tute would not be profoundly dispirited if their prolonged run ends in the tie to be

televised live this evening. Al-

ready in the semi-finals of the

Rumbelows Cup, their princi-

pal ambition is to capture the

championship.

To reach Wembley in the

FA Cup, the winners would

Southampton on January 27.

The losers will be left with the

compensation of a relatively

free programme for the rest of

e to endure at least four more emotionally draining occasions, beginning at

side of the Pennines.

The best option for Hartlepool Leeds could be an FA Cup to omit Chapman

BY STUART JONES
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TO OMIT a centre forward three days after he has scored three goals may seem a perverse ploy. Arguably, though, the best chance Leeds United have of winning the rearranged FA Cup third-round tie at Elland Road tonight would be to attack Manchester United without Lee Chapman.

Howard Wilkinson is unlikely to share the view. He has, after all, selected Chap-man for all but one of the 30 fixtures so far this season, and the exception was the meaningless Zenith Data Systems Cup tie at home to Nottingham Forest back in October, Leeds, coincidentally, lost.

Under usual circumstances. Chapman is an essential member of the most productive front line in the first division, as he demonstrated at the weekend during the heaviest defeat inflicted Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough.

But his contribution in the two recent matches against Manchester United have been so negligible that Leeds might have been playing with ten men. Worse still, since their own focal point was lost in the shadow of Gary Pallister, their strack has

failed to function effectively. Their 6-1 win on Sunday, though it raised high the spir-its lowered by Manchester United in the Rumbelows Cup the previous week; was irrelevant. Sheffield Wednesturbed the aerial superiority



ocean liner and was regularly of Chapman nor, more cru-Sprightly and comparativecially, limited the intrusions ly small forwards, such as of Mel Sterland and, especial-Rodney Wallace, Carl Shutt ly. Tony Dorigo on the flanks. and Bobby Davison, would Leeds, allowed to unleash doubtless cause Pallister to all of their power, were natuundergo a similar transforrally irresistible but Alex Perguson's side is designed to defuse their principal weapmation. Yet Leeds would have to change their approach and such radical alteration would ons, Ryan Giggs and Andrei Kanchelskis, the wingers, will probably be beyond them.

again restrict the movement of their opposing full backs and the threat posed by Chapman again promises to be smothered by Pallister. He is the best centre half the country," the Manchester United manager said. He has matured and has now developed into twice

the player I signed." Pallister, though perhaps the most prominent figure so far in the "War of the Roses".



Strachan: may return

expect surprise

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THEY have a sense of humour at Hartiepool United: when John Lyall, the manager of Ipswich Town, pravelled to the Victoria Ground for a spot of reconaissance in preparation for tonight's FA Cup third round replay, the public address announcer could not resist a joke.

"John Lyall thinks that no one has recognised him." boomed out from the tannoy system. "So we would just like to welcome him to Hartle-

Lyall said: "It was badenough being spotted, but then they started plugging the sale of vouchers for the fourth-round tie with either Newcastle United or Bourne-

With Newcastle struggling in the second division and Hartlepool on the fringes of race, the joke in the northeast is that the pair will swap divisions in the spring.

Whatever happens in May, it will surely go down as one of best, season in Hartlepool's history: Promoted from the fourth division last season. they gave Crystal Palace a scare in a Rumbelows Cup tie last autumn, before losing in a replay at Selhurst Park.

Ipswich, whose pursuit of a Premier League place was checked by last Saturday's defear at Middlesbrough, will wish they had managed to eliminate Alan Murray's side at Portman Road. Instead, they must now cope with indi-viduals of the calibre of Brian Honour, Hartlepool's midfield player, who has been unlucky not to have been

bought by a bigger club. Another potential upset could happen at Leyton Orient, where Oldham Atheltic are the visitors in another third-round replay. Having provided Sheffield Wednesday with a fright in the Rumbelows Cup earlier this season. Orient, of the third division, have cause for optimism against their first divi-

sion opponents Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, conceded that his side were lucky to force a replay, and they will not relish tonight's visit to east London where a fourth-round trip to Portsmouth is the prize.

In the second division, Charlton Athletic face Wolverhampton Wanderers at Upton Park, where Robert Lee will no doubt be watched by a selection of rival

Chariton's prize commodity is valued at around £1 million, and the club are understood to be willing to sell in order to be able to afford to recommence building work

Nicol: his cool temperament an asset for Scots

Scotland hope to gain from swift delivery by Nicol

By ALAN LORIMER

WHEN Andy Nicol had recovered from the initial excitement of finding himself in the Scotland team to play England at Murrayfield on Saturday, his reaction was typical of a measured approach to his own apprenticeship.

Promotion has come much sooner than I expected. I would have been quite happy spending this season on the bench," he said.

Circumstances of course dictated otherwise. Originally selected as one of the replacements, Nicol was called into the Scotland team last Sunday to replace Gary Armstrong, who sustained a knee ligament injury last weekend and is likely to miss the rest of the

championship.
Nicol, aged 20, is one of a new breed of well-coached players filtering through to the top level of Scottish rugby, representing the dividend of an investment policy in mini/midi/youth rugby. implemented through Scottish clubs.

The grandson of George Ritchie, who played hooker for Scotland in the 1932 Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham, Nicol needed little encouragement to take up rugby and at the age of eight joined the mini section of the Panmure club, near

Nicol's career flourished at Dundee High School and after playing for Scot-tish Schools over three seasons won an under-19 cap. Surprisingly, he was kept out of the Scotland under-21 side last season by West of Scotland's Fraser Stott. He was invited to join Heriot's FP, but found he was the understudy to Mike Allingham, so guaranteed himself first XV rugby by playing for Dundee High Their success in the sec-

ond division of the McEwan's national league helped Nicol secure a place in the North and Midlands district team in last season's championship whence followed the first of his two B caps, against France at Hughenden last February. Scotland were well beaten, but Nicol emerged with credit, rounding off a good display with a late try. His performance won him selection for Scotland's tour of North America last May when he scored in all of his three games. He also scored a try against Ireland in last month's B game. Nicol was selected for the trial but a sternum injury forced him to withdraw.

Even so, the selectors judged that he had now overtaken Greig Oliver in the rankings and named the Scotland team.

At almost oft and 12et 7lb. Nicol has a different physique to Gary Armstrong and a different style of game to match it, but shares the same cool tem-perament. Whereas Scotand will lose out on the battling qualities of Arm-strong, who is frequently described as a ninth forward, they will gain from the swifter and longer service of Nicol.

His partnership with Craig Chalmers will form the youngest half back pair-

Path clears for McKeag to become League president

Tries first division's decisions of the position. The mass division characters decided, at their meeting at Nottingnam their meeting at Nottingnam. Football League should leave the way clear for Gordon McKeag, of Newcastle United, to inherit the position left vacant by the death of Bill

Fox. Nominations close McKeag, a former county player and chairman of the FA's Challenge Cup comminee, is already the chairman of the shadow board which is restructuring the League for next season, if the Premier League is estab-lished. For him to combine the two positions would have

obvious advantages. Doug Ellis, of Aston Villa. has also been nominated for

en Sunday that for them to run a candidate was inappropriste given their intention to leave the League at the end of this season, and it is expected that Ellis will withdraw his that decision.

II Hibernian yesterday unveiled plans to move to a purpose built stadiom on the outskirts of Edinburgh Provided they can win planning permission. Hiberman hope to be in a 25,000 all-seat stadium by 1994.

The studium at Straiton, south of Edinburgh, would be part of a £50 million leisure development that would also include practice pitches, tennis courts and a hotel. The club has not ruled out

the possibility of ground-sharing with Edinburgh's other premier division club, Heart of Midlothian, but Hearts yesterday indicated that it is premature at this stage to discuss such an idea. Hearts have lodged separate applications seeking plan-ning permission for a stadium and leisure facilities at Hermiston and Millerhill on the outskirts of the city.

[] Nigeria yesterday became the first team to qualify for the quarter-finals of the African nations cup finals in Senegal when they beat Kenya 2-1 and ensured top place in

Freak injury rules out Dublin referee BY DAVID HANDS

FRED Howard, the Liverpool official, will referee the five nations' championship match between Ireland and Wales in Dublin on Saturday. after the withdrawal yesterday through injury of Ed Morrison.

Morrison, from Bristol, suffered inflamation of the lower ribs after a freak accident during the league match between Northampton and Harlequins last Saturday. ie watching the of a dropped goal by John Steele, he lost his balance and fell beavily on a frozen patch of the ground. He was still in

discomfort yesterday. Howard, widely regarded as one of the leading officials in the world, was not original-

ly awarded one of England's two appointments this season. The Rugby Football Union's refereeing panel de-cided that Morrison and Tony Spreadbury (the Somerset official who will handle the game between Ireland and Scotland) would benefit from

It will be Howard's twentieth major international, and his experience has earned him a reputation for firm handling of matches combined with sympathetic use of the advantage law.

additional experience.

of the touch judges and his place on the line is taken by Chris Rees, the London official. Another leading referee, Clive Norling, of Wales, will be required to prove his fitness before taking charge of the match between England

and Ireland at Twickenham on February 1. Norling has withdrawn from the game between Scot-

land and England at Murrayfield on Saturday, when he was due to run the line, because of influenza. It is the third weekend that he has had to pull out of a match; Gareth Simmonds, from Cardiff, takes his place. D Abdelatif Benazzi, the French back-row forward, looks almost certain to miss this year's championship after breaking a hand in a

Benazzi, included in the 21man French squad announced at the weekend, had an operation after suffering a complex fracture of the left hand in Sunday's dub match between Agen and Lourdes. He has been advised not to

play for at least six weeks. Eric Champ has turned down a chance to rejoin the squad as Benazzi's replacement.

Carminati will be brought before the International Rugby Football Board's amateurism committee at the board's annual meeting in April. There is considerable disquiet that Carminati, the former French flanker who opted for rugby league, has been permitted to play rugby union

Carminati, aged 25, won for stamping against Scot-land in 1990, for which he received a 30-week suspension. He then decided to play rugby league, but this season has been reinstated by the French federation and has played for Castres.

Cruyff agrees to lead Dutch in 1994

BY PETER ROBINSON

FOR Johann Cruyif, the kire of the World Cup was too much to resist. The Netherlands' favourite son has agreed to lead his country in the finals in the United States in 1994. Mind you, he has not agreed to lead the Dutch to the finals, just in them. In the meantime, he is content to remain in charge of Barce-

Indeed, he has no intention of leaving the Catalan capital at all. After news of Cruyff's move" leaked out, Cruyff said taking the Netherlands job did not mean relinquishing his managerial duties at club level.

warm and negotiate the perils of qualification in the same group as England. He will at least be an experienced pilot: Advocant is assistant to Rinus Michels before Michels steps down after the European championship in Sweden. Cruyif admitted he had yet

to tell Bança's president, José Luis Núñez, of his plans and here lies a problem. Núñez is not happy about Cruyff moving on or about hearing of it at second-hand.

Some fairly tough talking be-tween the two is likely, particularly with Cruyff's contract Until Cruyff is ready, Dick Advocast will keep his seat coming up for renewal in

> not appear to have told Cruyff of his plans either. Barcelona are reported to have made a 65.5 million bid for Jean-Pierre Papin, the captain of Marseilles and France and possibly the most dangerous marksman in Europe. Cruyff, though, is a long-time admirer of Marco van Basten, his countryman at AC Milan. Barcelona could not, how-

Then again. Nuñez does With the winter break over.

ever, hog the headlines in Spain. Real Madrid's return

to form commanded attention, with Gheorge Hagi scoring twice in the 5-2 thumping of Osasuna. Hagi's first was particularly special, a 45-yard chip over a stranded goalkeeper that the Romanian called the "best goal of my

the Dutch league resumed to greet Romario's return to PSV Eindhoven. Romario, the Brazilian who had been sidelined for three months with injury, scored twice in the 4-1 win against Sparts Rotterdam, keeping PSV and Bobby Robson on top on the

CYCLING

Gilkes banks on place in the Olympic squad

FOUR of Britain's shortlisted riders for the 120-mile Olympic road race this year will spend most of their season preparing in France (Peter Bryan writes). They will compete in occasional events at nome, with the Milk Race likely to be among them.

Three of the four - Matthew Stephens, Dave Cook and Simeon Hempsall spent last year on the Continent: the newcomer is lan Gilkes, of Wolverhampton, who joins Hempsall with the UVC Aube club at Troyes. Gilkes reckons he has been

particularly fortunate. He takes over in France from John Hughes - the 1991 British amateur champion, who will race as a professional in North America - and has been given ten months' leave of absence by Lloyds Bank to pursue his Olympic

Until last month, Stephens had dismissed the prospects of an Olympic ride. He expected to be a professional with a Belgian squad but was one of the many hopefuls disappointed when teams trimmed their numbers.

Gilford aims to prove point over selection Tobago: David Gilford, who

figured in the European team that lost to the United States in the Ryder Cup in September, launched his 1992 campaign with six birdies in a three-under-par 69 in the Tobago International tournament yesterday. The 26-yearold, from Crewe, moved within a shot of the firstround pacesetter, Ross McFariane, of Manchester, who scored four birdies in a "The Ryder Cup match is

history. All I want to do is prove that my selection was

justified," Gilford said. "It was disappointing to be left out of the final singles but I've already had some compensation with an invitation to Jack Nicklaus's Memorial Tour-

He intends playing in Colombus but his first priority is to begin the year with a

nament in Ohio next June."

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 68: R McFarlane, 68: M Massandle, D Galford, P Balter, G Rajph, 70: D J Russell, A Sherborne, M Poetin, 71: G J Brand, K Robson, 72: H Clark, G Fursey, S McAllister, 74: A Murray, P Townsend, 75: J Bernett, B Blurnes, 78: M King, 78: D Lloyd,

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ATHLETICS

Eastern Europe reaps funding from IAAF

Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the sport's governing body, is to hand out \$1 million (£555,000) annually for the next three years to support the sport in eastern

Europe. Primo Nebiolo, the president of the IAAF, announced the cash backing yesterday, following a meeting with eastern European athletic

federations. National federations of . countries hosting grand prix meetings are each to receive \$100,000 out of the fund.

and Bratislava to keep their international athletic events at an adequate level," Nebilo, who called the meeting here 10 discuss the problems facing the former Communist countries, said.

Budapest: The International east European athletics after the cash-starved governments of the new democratic coun-

> predecessors, who heavily subsidised sport The LAAF has also encountered a series of problems after the political changes in eastern Europe have led not only to the multiplication of countries, but also of national

tries refused to follow the ex-

ample of their Communist

federations. "Twenty-one national federations were represented at the Budanest meeting, some of which were not IAAF "The aim of the support is members, but which could to enable Moscow. Budapest soon be," Istvan Gyulay, the general secretary of the IAAF.

Nebiolo said that the former Soviet Union will compere in the European indoor championships in Genoa next month with a joint The IAAF offered its help to neam. (Reuter)



BOWLS TORFAEN: CIS Insurance WIBA chainplanshipe: Cluarise-finaler: Singles: 7
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(Cardiff), 21-16; A Abwood (Cardiff) bt W
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21-18; R Hugh d Ismell) bt P Hill (Text, Gy),
21-16; Under-25 singles: Greenslade bt
C Best (V of Glamorgan), 21-2; B Powell
(Swansoe) bt D Kingdon (Linnell) 21-18;
G Williams (Peribrokestim) bt T Mighthews. (Earlewood); 21-8; J Slaphens
(Marthyr) bt R Wason (Cardiff), 21-18.



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FOR THE RECORD HOCKEY NEW DELHI: Indire Gandhi Gold Cup men's tournament: New Zealand 4. Japan 1; India 3, China 1; Kenya 4. Poland ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Calgary Plannes 2, Montreal Conadiana 2 (ot): Edmonton Ollers 7, Minnesots North **REAL TENNIS**

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Parisien, 162, Laeding World Cup overall: 1, Kronberger, 474pts; 2, Schneider,
460, 3, K Selzinger (Ger), 412, 4, 3 Ginther
(Austria), 401; 3, H Zurbriggen (Switz),
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SINGAPORE: Olympic class world championship: Overall (atter five races): Merc 1, B Edgington (69), 16.7 pts; 2, J de Crevityry (Fr), 35.7, 3, M Cuntin (Fr), 39.7. Wormerc 1, 41 Herbert (Fr), 8; 5s.; 2, A Horbert (Fr), 18.7.3, N Lateure (Fr), 24.7. Briesh: 6, P Way, 47.

Swift forced to pull out

Facial injuries, suffered by Wally Swift last week in beating Randy Williams, have forced him to withdraw from a European light-middleweight boxing championship bout with Jean-Claude Fontana on February 12.

"I hope the European union will [just] postpone the fight for a few weeks," he said. Steve Collins, of Ireland, will meet Reggie Johnson, of the United States, for the vacant World Boxing Association middleweight title in Atlantic City in late March or early April.

No Way ahead

Yachting: Barrie Edgington leads the men's Olympic class boardsailing world championship after three days of racing in Singapore, but Penny Way's chances of retaining her title slipped when she was disqualified for making a premanure Start

Malaga venue Golf: The Turespana Masters, from February 13 to 16, the first event of the 1992 European Tour to be staged in Europe, will be played at

the Paradores Club de Cam-

po in Malaga. One shot away

Rifle shooting: Nick Hinchliffe, from Manchester, narrowly missed winning the first 800-yard match of the Queen's Prize competition at the New Zealand championships yesterday. He put every shot into the bull, with six of the ten in the 1512-inch central ring, but Ron Caddy, of Australia, had seven.

Slalom switch

Skiing: This Saturday's wornen's World Cup giant slalom, scheduled to be held in Maribor. Slovenia, has been switched to Piancavallo, Italy, and will take place on Monday. The slalom that should have taken place in Maribor on Sunday has been brought forward to Saturday.

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Only two seeds for European championships

Britain's teams could be in the same group

FROM DAVID MILLER IN GOTHENBURG

ONLY two teams are to be seeded in the European championship draw here on Friday: Sweden, the hosts, in Stockholm and the Nether-lands, the holders, in Gothenburg. Any of the other six, including England and Scotland, will come randomly out of the draw into either group.

Sweden, however, is planning to put the clock back 30 years, to the time when it staged a World Cup final tournament that was a joy to everyone who experienced it. The Swedish football federation is confident it can handle the security problems of even the worst possible potential quarter-final group: the Netherlands, Germany, England and Scotland.

The federation aims to make every match a three-day event: to welcome visiting spectators before and after a match that will not end merely with the final whistle, just as it was back in the halcyon days of 1958.

We have an ambition to try to make everyone happy," Lennart Johansson, the Swedish president of Uefa, said here yesterday. "Young people have a special affinity to the game, and if they are coming here unable to afford hotels, we want to be able to find them somewhere to sleep, in school gymnasiums. to have a shower and cup of tea in the morning. When Sweden was elected to host

FRANK Sinclair, the Chelsea

full back, was yesterday sus-

pended for nine matches by

the Football Association for

an incident involving the ref-

eree, Paul Alcock. Sinclair,

aged 20 and on loan to West

Bromwich Albion of the third

division, clashed with Alcock

when he awarded a last-

minute penalty against West

Bromwich in the League

game at Exeter City on De-

proud: in heaven. We have to make it a great event."

Friday's draw. however, could throw together in one group the elements that might stretch every resource of the Swedish police. Johansson warns that the organisation must not be fooled into thinking appearances encourage a casual

approach.
"We have to be prepared to handle problems in an intelligent way," he says, "and not have weapons and water cannon provocatively displayed, as at the recent Belgium-Germany match in Brussels, which gives troublemakers encouragement for what they seek. Exposure.

There is, too, the element of Naziism, even here in Sweden, which some of us experienced when we were young and only woke up to too late. The police will show a friendly initial face, and deal severely only with those who break the law. The Swedish press has exaggerated the hooligan factor ever since we became hosts, but as I have said to them, we cannot just shut every stadium in the

The strategy between gov-ernment, police and federa-tion, planned over three years, will take a final shape after Friday's draw clarifies potential flashpoints. England against Scotland, which has not happened for three

Sinclair gets long ban

By Chris Moore

Sinclair was sent off after

against Germany are seen as trouble spots. But Johansson is optimistic that both England and Scotland have self evidently taken substantial steps to reduce the hooligan factor. The Swedish police are in close touch with counterparts in the Netherlands. Germany and Britain.

Ticketing is to be more strictly controlled than at any previous football tournament. Ticket-design is foolproof against forgery, Johansson says, and tickets will only be issued two weeks before a match to holders of a pre-paid invoice identifying their

Travel-agent package deals are being kept to a minimum and to bypass the black market, every ticket sale has to be registered. Twenty per cent are going to visitors, 20 per cent to Eufa and their sponsors, 60 per cent to Sweden. The tickets returned by, say, the Commonwealth of Independent States, will be allocated not to random agents but to Swedish football clubs. We want the tournament

to be for genuine followers, looking for a memorable ex-perience." Johansson says. Federations of countries that have previously been irres-ponsible in distribution, such as France and Germany, are being closely observed."

Sweden has generated four times the sponsorship income and five times the television



High fives: New Zealand XI players celebrate the downfall of Gooch, the England cricket captain, for only three in the match at Nelson yesterday. Report, page 34. Photograph: Graham Morris

first for New Zealand

Hinterstoder, Annelise Coberger yesterday became the first New Zealander to win an Alpine ski World Cup race, swooping to a slalom victory over a distin-guished cast after finishing fourth in the first leg.

"This is unbelievable." a radiant Coberger said as she the arms of her Czechoslovakborn trainer, Robert Zallmann, after producing

the fastest second-leg time.
"But this kind of snow is ideal for me, I like hard, icy courses," Coberger, aged 20, said. "I was not nervous, but just determined to put all I had into it."

Coberger's time for two legs of Imin 44.59sec gave her victory by 0.12sec over Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, a former World Cup overall champion who led after the

JOHN Scott, dismissed yes-

terday as manager of Cardiff rugby union club, has be-

come the latest in a growing

list of off-the-field casualties

The former captain of Eng-

land, who had been in the job

two seasons, was dismissed

after the club committee had

taken into account a letter

from Cardiff's captain, David

Evans, critical of Scott's role

and function. Evans suggest-

ed Scott's "laid-back atti-tude" and the fact that the

players found it hard to get on

with him were sufficient rea-

Scott's dismissal is the lat-

est incident in bitter

wranglings at the club. A

month ago Alan Phillips re-

signed as coach and a series

of poor results since have

plunged Cardiff to the lower

sons for his departure.

in Welsh rugby.

two legs of a course with a vertical drop of 179 metres, marked with 64 and 60 gates respectively, in 1 min

44.71 sec. Julie Parisien, of the United States, the winner of a giant slalom last season, finished third in 1 min 44.90sec with holder, Petra Kronberger, from Austria, who was second after the first leg, fourth in lmin 45.39sec.

Kronberger retains a slim lead over Schneider in the World Cup overall standings.

"I'm so relieved it's all over, but I was really relaxed on the way down," Coberger said. "After all, I had nothing to

Coberger gave ample proof of her potential by placing third in a slalom in Schruns

Europe for six years, started 22nd in the first leg to take fourth place and then skied a flawless second leg that was nearly half a second faster

Schneider, the 1988 Olym-pic stalom and giant stalom gold medal winner, said she after dropping out of the slalom in Schruns on Sunday.

"Now Schruns is completely forgotten and I shall concentrate on Wednesday's [today's] giant slalom," she

"Coberger was a surprise, but she ran a perfect race." Parisien, the winner last year of a giant slakom in Waterville, New Hampshire. said her third place was time-

with the Winter Olympic Games coming up in Albertville next month

"I got two fifth places this

Parisien said the hard,

compact Baerenalm course The hill is perfect, the

snow is great and it was great for me," she said. "You could get a good grip on it. It was a good course for Coberger like myself, ill kind of hard snow."

Yesterday's slalom replaced a race called off in Oberstaufen, Germany, earlier this month. (Reuter)

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Octon, 274pts; 2, Schneider, 260; 3 Kronberger, 195; 4, Coberger, 188; 5 Peristen, 162, Overalt 1, Kronberger, 474 2, Schneider, 460; 3, K Seltdriger (Ger), 412 4, S Ginther (Austria); 401; 5, H Zarbrigger

deregulation, betting in licenced shops and on course must coincide with any racing. crowds of people turning up on a race track without betting being available" he said.

Betting was the key and withworse than useless". Meanwhile, the race is hotting up between different courses to stage the first full

Newmarket emerging as a strong favourite. Nick Lees, clerk of the course and chief executive,

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what he claimed was an accidental collision, but a threeman FA commission, headed by the disciplinary committee chairman, Geoff Thompson, decided Sinclair was guilty of United on September 14. misconduct

The nine-match ban includes the three-match automatic suspension he has already started for the dismissal. Sinclair must also pay a £600 fine and £200 costs. been reregistered as a player

more than £10,000. Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United, could face an FA disrepute charge after being booked during Leeds's six-goal vic-tory at Sheffield Wednesday on Sunday. Wilkinson was cautioned by the Middlesex referee, Philip Don, during the first half after a controversial penalty was awarded to Wednesday when the forward, Gordon Watson, fell inside the Leeds goalmouth. He made comments to the linesman, who then called

Birmingham City were yes-terday fined £10.000 by a Football League commission for playing an ineligible player in their third division home game with Peterborough

Ian Atkins, the former Birmingham captain, who returned to St Andrew's last summer as first-team coach. played in the last 12 minutes of the match as a substitute. However, unknown to Terry Cooper, the new Birmingham manager, he had not

with the League. "His transfer was handled before I joined the club, so I am not aware of what happened at the time," Cooper said. "But thank goodness we have not been docked any points. If it had meant the difference between winning promotion or staying in the third division, the loss of points would have cost us far

Don to the touchline, where he booked Wilkinson.

The Christchurch skier,

reaches of the Heineken

Scott says he is going to delay any comment or reac-tion until after he thinks things over."If things go wrong, there's always a dan-ger someone will become a scapegoat," he said. "When a finger is pointed, it's easy to

stop at one place.

"All I hope is that this decision to release me is done for the best interests of the club. They have talked about the structure not being right. We must wait and see. I don't know what I'm going to do

"I used to ask myself why so few ex-players took up senior posts in clubs when they finshed playing. Maybe I know that answer now."

Cardiff insist the dismissal of Scott was not a personality issue. "We have ended the position of team manager, that's all," the club secretary, John Nelson, said. "John remains as a member of the club committee.

"The reason for the termination of the job is that the committee are disappointed with performances this sea son and that the position of team manager hasn't assisted the results. There are a number of

clubs who have tried team managers and this system "Cardiff is one of those clubs where the captain has

always been a very important person and we want to return to that system. Quite simply we want to improve performances on the field." ☐ The World Cup has not

only created a new audience for rugby union, it has also added a cultural element: on the eve of the five nations' championship art lovers have

paintings by the Surrey artist, Gareth Ball, which is being staged until January 24 at the Rugby Club in London's Hallam Street Ball's enthusiasm for the

depicted at an exhibition of

game, sufficient for him to turn out on the wing as a student at art college, was revived by an invitation to make a painting of a match between Llanelli and Swansea last year. That was extended to the World Cup, during which he watched three matches live and constructed paintings of others from video recordings.

"To me rugby is fascinating because of the abstraction of figures in scrums and at rucks," Ball, who lives in Farnham, said. "It has a balletic quality, although the players themselves may not

Coral backs Sunday racing

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

CORAL, one of the "big three" off-course bookmakers, yesterday broke ranks with its rivals by enthusiasti-cally welcoming the Jockey Club's plans for Sunday

racing Peter Sherlock, the compa-and chief exec utive, said: "It demonstrate the sort of initiative this industry desperately needs if it is to transform itself and advance into the furure."

Although he recognised the potential problem of illegal betting, he insisted racegoers: should be given the opportu-nity to test Sunday racing. If it proved popular, a strong case could be made to the government to allow being shops to open on Sunday and have on-course betting. Not for the first time. Sher-

lock's comments are in marked contrast to the negative reaction from Ladbrokes. William Hill and the Bettine Office Licensees' Association. the big bookmakers trade body. They insist there should be no Sunday racing without a change in the betting laws. Sherlock said: "I don't realw understand why they play this negative role, except that they have always done so. They have said no Sunday racing without Sunday betting, but that is tackling the problem the wrong way

racing and then argue the case for Sunday bening. The chance of getting the two simultaneously is nil." In the short term. Sherlock believes an expansion in credit and deposit account betting

round. We should get Sunday

would would help on Sundays He added: "Because we will have to provide early morning prices and there will be no opportunity for a starting the Jockey Club has to make

sure good quality racing is staged on Sunday, otherwise we will never get a decent book together. We don't want any matches or four-horse races where only one is trying." Len Cowburn, the deputy

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chairman of William Hill, reflected the traditionalist view among the big High Street betting chains by regretting the lack of consultation before the Jockey Club announced its Sunday racing plans. Although he favoured

"I can't see there being out it Sunday racing would be

meeting on Sundays - with

said yesterday: "We have already made it very clear to the Jockey Club we want to stage racing on Sundays. We feel we should be given a chance as we moved the running of the Town Plate from a Thursday to a Sunday in 1981 as a way of putting a toe in the door of Sunday racing. We would be most disappointed if we are not considered."

Somerset bowler is the latest in a long line

By RICHARD STREETON

NEIL Mallender, who has been called into the England party for the first Test match in Christchurch on Saturday, is by no means the first player to receive such an emergency summons.

Some 35 have been called up by England on tour during the past 105 years, for a variety of reasons. The first instance, in 1886-7, arose when William Barnes, a Nottinghamshire batsman, damaged a hand when he aimed a punch at the Australian captain, Percy McDonnell.

McDonnell evaded the

blow and Barnes's fist struck

a wall. At a time when it took

two months or so to reach

Australia by sea, the touring

team was fortunate that the

English-born Reginald Wood was playing for Victoria and he was included in the second Test at Sydney.

In modern times, the most dramatic accident to necessitate a replacement on tour came in Barbados in 1967-8 when Fred Titmus lost four toes on his left foot in bathing accident. Titmus had two toes severed by a motor boat propeller and two more had to be amputated in

bospital.

Tony Lock, travelling from Perth. Western Australia, replaced Titmus and since the growth of air travel after the second world war, tour replacements have become relatively frequent.

The first of several cases,

though, of a great batsman

being immediately success-

ful when called up, came in 1907-8. George Gunn, of Notting-

hamshire, was wintering in Australia for health reasons and when A.O. Jones, the MCC captain, was ill with



Mallender: standing by

pneumonia, Gunn made 119 and 74, top score in each innings, in the first Test at Sydney. Gunn was preferred to Jack Hobbs - on his first tour - who was made twelfth man.

Among those flown out of an English winter as replacements to make centuries within a day or two of arriving have been Len Hutton and Colin Cowdrey, while Colin Milburn scored a Test hundred at Karachi in 1968-9 after being sent for from Australia

Hutton made 138 for MCC against British Guiana in 1947-8; Cowdrey scored 107 against India in the third Test at Calcutta in 1963-4. Cowdrey and Peter Parlitt reinforced what, for a few days, was possibly the

most stricken England touring side in history. Before Cowdrey and Parfitt reached India, the injuries and stomach problems suffered by the touring players almost led to Henry Blofeld, the journalist and broadcaster, winning a At breakfast before the sec-

ond Test began in Bombay it seemed unlikely that Eng-land would be able to raise 11 established players. They just managed to do so, though Micky Stewart, now the England team manager. yielded to dysentery at tea-time on the first day and took no further part in the match. Biofeld had won a Cambridge Blue four years

Jim Parks, who had been coaching in Trinidad, scored

183 against Berbice when he was enrolled by the 1959-60 England side after Peter May returned home early from the Caribbean. Parks scored 101 not out in the fifth Test at Port of Spain that followed. Among the most famous cases is one of the most recent. When Tony Pigott was called on, also in New Zealand, eight years ago, he postponed his wedding to play. England were dismissed for 82 and 93 and lost in 12 hours of play. Ken Palmer, now an umpire, was also in the right spot at the right time in South Africa in

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1964-5.